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Ongoing Campus Renavations Expected to be Completed by the Fall

Amy Haney
Renovations

Many campus renovations are underway, several of which will be completed by the fall semester.

"We're doing some major lighting projects," said Loran Lindsey, the Director of the Physical Plant. Lighting is being installed along the new sidewalk that connects The Columns Apartments with the campus. Additional lighting will be added in front of Caddo Hall, in the Sabine and Rapides parking lots and along the perimeter of the Rapides parking lot. Three lights have been added between the Coliseum and the tennis courts, and new lighting will be installed in front of Russell, the new business building.

Campus streets will be repaved from the main intersection in front of the Student Union to the speed bump by Nesom Natorium and to the speed bump between Kyser and Williamson. This project has been delayed due to problems with collapsed drainage pipes beneath the Sabine parking lot. "There wasn't any need to [overlay] the street when we had a problem under the street," Lindsey explained.

Bricking of the pedestrian plaza in front of Kyser will be finished by fall and extended to the crosswalk of the Sabine parking lot. "We're going to try to do all of our pedestrian crosswalks with the pavestones so that the crosswalk is clearly marked and we won't have to repaint every two or three years," Lindsey said.

Pavestones and ramps for wheelchair users will eventually by laid at all crosswalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

Also in response to AD guidelines, all elevator control panels on campus will be lowered and equipped with Braille buttons.

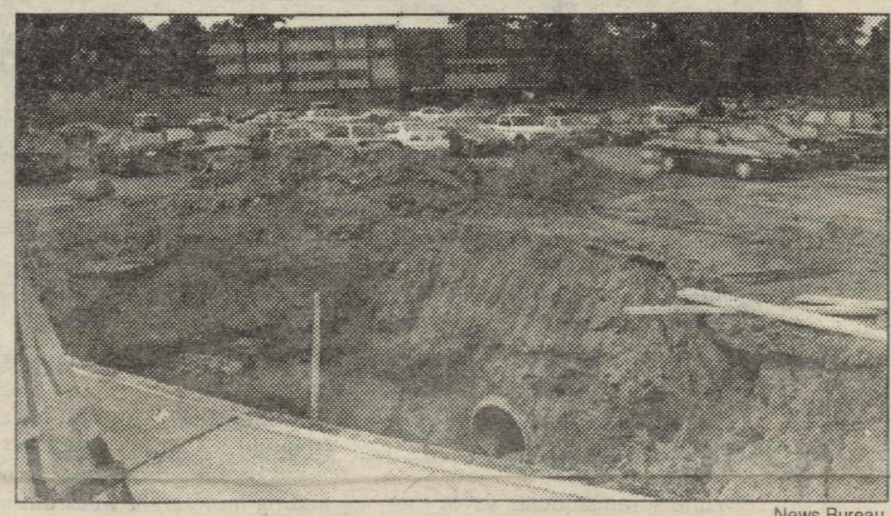
A $300,000 project has begun on Sabine Hall. The building will be repainted, and 750 new doors with improved hinges will be installed by the fall semester.

The railing in front of Bossier Hall is being sandblasted and repainted.

Interior demolition of the Old Women's Gymnasium will be completed by the fall . Reconstruction will take approximately 15 more months. Entire renovation of the building is a $3.3 million project.

An abatement project on the caulking around the windows in Williamson is underway to prepare the building for painting. Until now, Williamson, a 40-year-old building, has only had routine maintenance.

Interior renovation of older buildings such as Williamson and Morrison will become the priority of future projects. Lindsey states that such projects will include installation of elevators and restroom renovations to make the buildings comply with ADA guidelines. Central air will also be installed.



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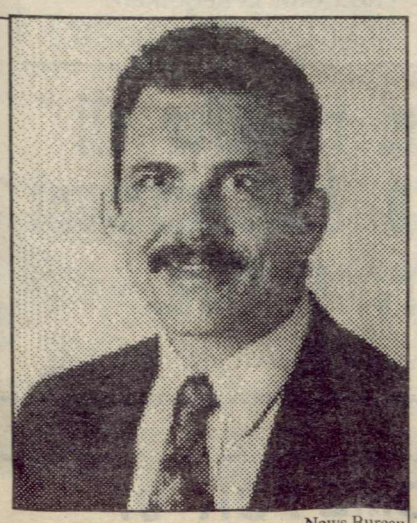
A collapsed drain pipe must be repaired before the plans to repave Kyser parking lot can be started



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Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies

Computer Center to Begin Reorganization Program

Becky Shumake
Staff writer

Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, has been named acting director of the Computer Center and is helping to implement a total reorganization of the center.

Dr. Scheffler has been serving as director for only a few weeks, but has already begun to internally reorganize the center. Scheffler said, " I am not seeking the director position, but I feel that a new director will be hired once the organization process is complete."

As acting director, Scheffler hopes to make the system work more efficiently and become more service oriented. One of the major complaints the student body has had is that the computers are usually not working properly. Larry Collins, a junior broadcast journalism major said, "I wish they could find a way to keep the computers on-line, not only for the students, but also for the instructors and advisors.

This summer, the Computer Center is hoping to improve the entire computer system by replacing the central node, which basically routes all the information that comes into the campus. The node, which will cost the university approximately $150-200 thousand, will improve service to the Northwestern campus as well as to several parish hospitals, school board offices and libraries. The central node could possibly be working by the fall semester and could greatly improve the operation of the computers on campus.

The computer center also hopes to build up better communication between the center and the Northwestern community. Scheffler hopes that this increased communication will "offer students a better understanding of the limitations and expectations of the Computer Center."

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News

Business accreditation helps NSU students

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

The Northwestern State University College of Business has passed through the strict accreditation process that will improve the level of instruction and the level of learning for all students, according to Dr. Barry Smiley, head of the College of Business.

"The accreditation process is an extensive evaluation of the College of Business, from the instructors through the administration," Smiley said. "Many changes have been made to the process over the years."

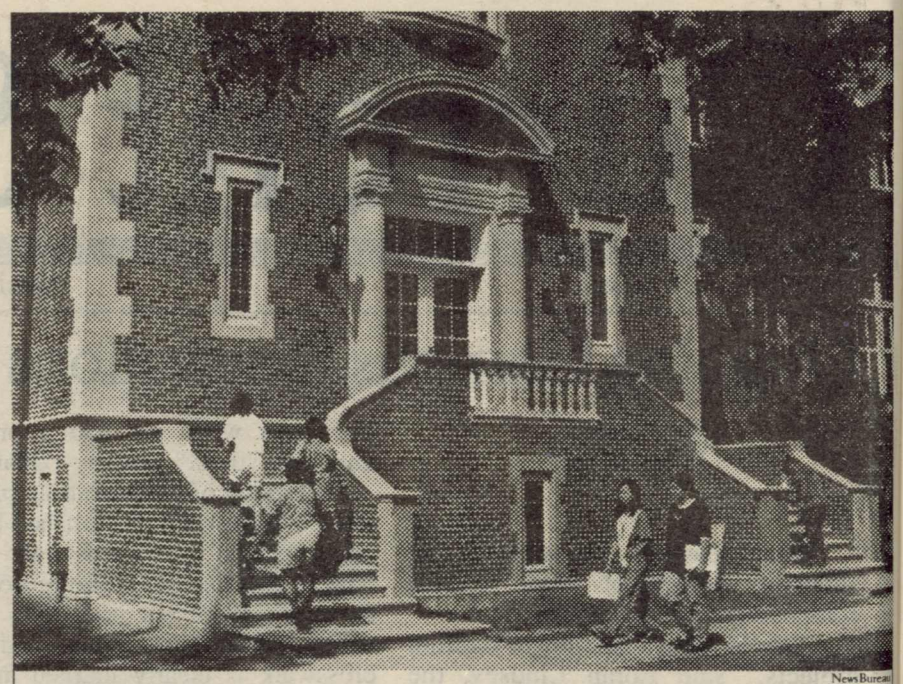
Northwestern, which was approved for accreditation in April of 1997, is among approximately 15 state schools who have received accreditation, according to Smiley.

The students of Northwestern will undoubtedly be affected in a positive way from the accreditation of the College of Business.

"This will ensure that the NSU students will have a quality program in the College of Business," Smiley said. " This will also benefit the students in that they will be assured that their credit hours from and to other accredited schools in the state will transfer."

Smiley sounded positive about the future of the College of Business and what it has done for NSU.

"We will strive to continue advancing, to provide a solid education," Smiley concluded, "and just keep doing the things we have always done in the area of Business."



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Students enter the new business building Russell Hall to attend classes. The renovation of the building aided in the accreditation for the business department.

Are more eight-week classes headed our way?

Dana Gonzales
Staff writer

While some students savor the college experience and are reluctant to see it end, there is a growing population of students who are much more interested in getting their degrees quickly.

This was reflected in a recent survey conducted by the Non-traditional Student Organization (N.T.S.O.) in which many students expressed a desire for more eight-week classes as opposed to sixteen-week classes.

Why aren't more eight-week classes offered? According to Dr. Thomas Burns, Vice-president of Academic Affairs, "The biggest problem they've had in the past is the number of faculty available to teach. It is conceivable for non-lab classes (though)."

There are three considerations in adding more eight week classes to the schedule: what types of courses could be offered in a condensed class, is there enough faculty available to teach these courses and the historical background of eight-week classes at NSU.

While the N.T.S.O. survey reflected an interest in these courses, the survey was of only a small segment of the student population and, therefore, cannot be representative of the thousands of students at NSU. Since it is not feasible to survey every student, it is suggested that if you have an interest in more eight-week classes, you should contact the dean of your department and express your interest.

Dr. Scheffler is encouraging students, faculty and others associated with the university to come by the center with any problems, questions or comments.

The Computer Center will be introducing a new web page in the fall that will offer a list of services, pictures and other important information. Scheffler encourages anyone who is interested in learning more about the Computer Center to come by Rm. 200 in Roy Hall for a tour.

Scheffler summed up his goals for the center by saying, "Our ultimate goal is to develop a more open communication between the center and the university community, a more reliable network and a more efficient means by which we can use our technology to meet the students' needs."

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News

ITAC approves six programs for funding from student technology fee budget

Dana Gonzales
Staff Writer

Several proposals submitted this spring for potential funding from the student technology fee were recently approved.

Out of the fourteen proposals submitted, six were approved for a total funding of $176,662. Proposals are submitted to the Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC) for approval.

According to Dr. Anthony Sheffler, NSU Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, who also chairs the ITAC, "This program is part of the technology plan developed in cooperation with students, and will enable us to target areas where technology can have a positive impact on learning."

The most interesting programs approved were for the College of Science and Technology. For the benefit of the science classes, the purchase of interactive software was approved.

The software will feature virtual amphibian dissection, interactive tutorials, pre and post testing and documents the animal kingdom. This will save lab time and expense while aiding students in better understanding the complexities of biological science.

Another technology purchase to benefit the College of Science and Technology, was of global position system (GPS) navigation units for the aviation department. These hand-held devices use satellite information to pinpoint exact location.

The benefit of having proposals submitted by members of the various departments is that they can then buy things that they know their students need. It is also stressed that if this equipment is not being used by the department to which it belongs, then it must be made available for use by another area or department. "

"The most common request for technology fee funding was for the updating of computer labs. What we denied is requests for new labs because we simply can't support them." Dr. Sheffler said. Eight proposals could not be fit into the $200,000 tech fee budget but did receive secondary funding. The five grants awarded include:

$41,200, College of Science and Technology, "Updating Computer Labs in the Family and Consumer Sciences Building;"

$3,501.20, College of Science and Technology, "Purchase of Interactive Software for Lecture and Lab Courses;"

$41,200, NSU Leesville-Fort Polk campus, "Updating Computer Labs on the Leesville-Fort Polk campus."

$5,806, College of Liberal Arts, "Updating Graphic Arts Computer Lab."

$48,955, Colleges of Science and Technology and Liberal Arts, "Providing Multimedia Capability for three Computer Labs."

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Tracy Brown, network anaylyst, and John Jackson, network technician, are hard at work sprucing up the computer center

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Features

Ryan Scofield new SAB President

Andrew Kolb
features editor

A new school year means new leadership, new problems, and a new philosophy for the Student Activities Board, according to the new SAB president Ryan Scofield.

"We want to get back to the basics—that is, we are going to try to provide the students what they want," Scofield said.

Scofield, who began his term as SAB president at the beginning of the summer, says that the SAB plans to get more feedback from students as to what kind of programming to provide over the next school year.

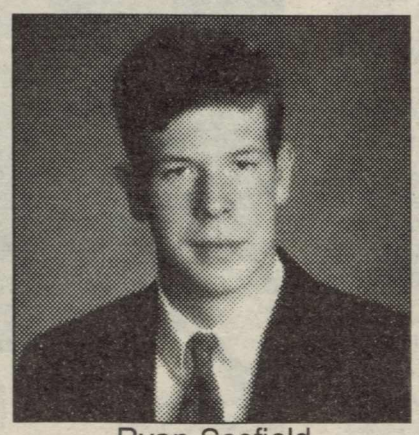
While the way the SAB is run will stay the same, Scofield plans to try different things to get student input.

"We are going to conduct surveys of students before the fall semester, at Freshman Connection and during the semester," Scofield continued.

Scofield also said that the SAB plans to pay close attention to what type of programming draws the most students, and try to provide more of those types of events.

"We noticed last semester that novelty acts seemed to draw more students than comedians, so we are planning more of those (novelty acts) in the fall," Scofield added.

Scofield is also concerned with the fact that the SAB will be operating on a smaller budget this year because of an expected drop in enrollment. The SAB's budget is provided by student fees, so anticipating Northwestern's enrollment is vital.



Ryan Scofield

"We base our budget on what happened the previous year enrollment wise, and the enrollment dropped. We would rather underestimate enrollment than overestimate, so that we don't plan events we can't afford," Scofield said.

To compensate, the SAB plans to take advantage of Northwestern's resources and facilities as much as possible.

"If the enrollment increases or stays the same, that's great—it will give us extra money to spend. For now, though, we are trying to find ways to provide just as many programs on a smaller budget," Scofield said.

For each of the summer sessions, Scofield said that the SAB is planning a "Dinner and a Movie" night that will take place in the lobby of Boozman residence hall. These will take place on the second Monday night of each summer session, and are free to any NSU student enrolled in summer school.

Scofield, a senior HMT major from Shreveport, has been a member of the Student Activities Board for three years. Last year he served as the Lagniappe chairman, who is in charge of events that fall outside of the SAB's major programs like Spring Fling and Homecoming. Scofield is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and is serving as a Freshman Connector this summer.

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SportsCare, one of the South's leading sports health care agencies,has become the title sponsor of the annual induction banquet for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, presented by SportsCare, is the centerpiece of a weekend filled with activities honoring the new inductees and the 180 members of the Hall of Fame.

Activities for the induction weekend include three receptions, a golf scramble, and the induction banquet ceremonies at the Northwestern Student Union Ballroom on Saturday night, June 27.

Big names highlighting this years induction class include former Dallas Cowboy and Grambling football great Everson Walls; Billy Hardin, an All-American track athlete for LSU and a member of the 1964 USA Olympic Team; and Eug Jung Lee Ok, an All-American women's basketball player for Northeast Louisiana.

The other four athletes in this years class of inductees are Pat Browne, a blind golfing champ, Warren Braden, who played football for Southern in the 1940's, John Petitbon, another football star who prepped at Jesuit High in New Orleans, later played at Notre Dame and also played for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL, and Luke Jackson, who became the first Louisiana basketball player to win a gold medal in the 1964 Tokyo Games.

Doug Ireland, the director of the Hall of Fame, was very excited about SportsCare jumping aboard as the title sponsor.

"SportsCare has taken a leadership role in Louisiana sports activities by supporting and sponsoring a wide range of activities throughout the state. It is a natural extension to have SportsCare recognized for its role as the title sponsor for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet," said Ireland.

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Our View

Summertime, what a wonderful time of the year. The time to enjoy cooking out, going skiing with friends, going to the tee-ball park to watch your favorite nephew (or niece) learn the great American pasttime, or catching up on some in-state baseball heroes, such as the LSU Tigers or our NSU Demons.

LSU recently qualified for another trip to Omaha and the College World Series. As two-time defending national champions, betting against them would not be the smart thing to do. Coach Skip Bertman down at LSU has turned his program into what Nebraska or Notre Dame is to college football or what Duke or Kansas is to college basketball. LSU is without a doubt the premier program in the country.

Even with the success of LSU, it is hard to overlook NSU when you are talking about programs on the rise. First-year head coach John Cohen and his staff have done a great job with the team left by Dave Van Horn. Picked by many to finish third in the conference, Cohen's Demons turned a few heads by winning 23 of their last 30 and taking the SLC regular season title. Only a small slip up in the conference tourney prevented the Demons a shot at their own trip to Omaha. Had the Demons made the NCAA field, even LSU might have been in trouble!

Summer Weight Loss tips

David E. Sullivan

Start the Insanity

It's summer time and everyone wants that perfect body to show off at the pool or one of those brown, glass-infested beaches on Toledo Bend.

The only problem is some of us are overweight and reluctant to put on those swim trunks for fear of others witnessing the evidence of our unfortunate metabolism. Well your problems are over. I have always had the metabolism of a snail myself and still have many pairs of over-sized jeans to prove it. However, through trial, error and some research, I have devised a system; a weight manipulation process if you will, that allows one to lose weight at an alarming rate. When I was asked to share it with you, the students of N.S.U., I was eager to jump on the opportunity.

For now, I am only going to cover the basics. I'll cover the long-term maintenance plan next issue. Your frame of mind is the most important factor here because you have to want to lose weight quickly.

It is very simple. When you wake up, drink a cup of coffee (Sweet&Low or Equal, no sugar) and a cup of grapefruit juice. Don't eat anything yet! It is true that it is important to have a complete breakfast, but this stage of the diet is about losing weight....not health. That will come later. After breakfast, feel free to drink as much coffee as you like. Caffeine is a great appetite suppresser.

For lunch you may have a cup of coffee and small portion of mushrooms, prepared in any way you see fit, so long as you do not use butter, oil, or salt (salt makes you retain water). Mushrooms have virtually no calories, yet they contain a considerable amount of protein. They are also somewhat filling... and tasty. I personally recommend grilling them in water, Tobasco sauce and worcestershire sauce with spices. Spicy creates the sensation of a larger meal.

Wait until you are just about to go to bed before you eat dinner so you do not have to try to sleep on an empty stomach. Your dinner will include one half of a can of Blue Runner kidney beans, (sold at all local grocery stores) complemented with Tobasco and spices of your preference. The beans have a few calories but they are loaded with protein so you don't completely starve yourself and lose muscle.

To make it through the day, drink as much coffee as you want and limit yourself to diet soda only. Don't worry about exercise yet. If you stick to this diet, you will lose a pound and a half a day, even if you just sit on a couch all the time and watch Seinfeld re-runs.

If you smoke, feel free to indulge. Nicotine is also an appetite suppresser, but for God's sake don't start smoking just for this diet. Resist getting on the scale for two days after you start. When you do get on the scale after 48 hours you will notice you have already lost at least five pounds. That is when you are supposed to get excited and welcome those hunger pains because you will realize that this really does work.

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New Tori CD a keeper

Amy Haney
Staff writer

Tori Amos
From the Choirgirl Hotel
Atlantic Records

Whether or not you are a fan of Tori Amos, you should definitely listen to her latest CD, *From the Choirgirl Hotel*.

This CD transforms her previous girl-and-her-piano style into Tori as lead singer in a virtual jungle of vocal effects and instrument distortion. On almost all the tracks, the listener has to pay close attention to even pick out Tori's piano from the lush texture of the other instruments. This makes for an interesting listening experience, especially if you were expecting a sound similar to *Under the Pink*.

The songs "Northern Lad" and "Jackie's Strength" are consistent with Tori's earlier style and are great songs in their own right, but the new experimental Tori is very exciting. She seems to be taking a cue from Paul Van Dyk's "Blue Skies," in which she sings lead. All of the songs have a catchiness to them that usually can only be found in one or two songs on a CD. Tori has managed to fill a whole album with these gems.

I dare not call *From the Choirgirl Hotel* a light-hearted CD, but the mood is decidedly less dark than her earlier albums, a trend that she has been following since *Under the Pink*. Also, the stories she tells in her new songs are easier to follow, containing less word salad, than on previous albums.

The tunes are so catchy that this album, more than any other, may inspire a small measure of radio success that has eluded—thankfully—her other works.

As good as it gets?

Mike Boyd
Staff writer

As Good As It Gets

As Good As It Gets , a lengthy, quasi-inspirational film, chronicles how the torn lives of three New Yorkers come together in their times of need.

Jack Nicholson plays a successful romance novelist who cannot enjoy his success or romance because of an obsessive-compulsive disorder. Helen Hunt is a waitress and single mom who must spend all her time caring for her chronically ill son and is unable to have a life of her own. Greg Kinnear plays Nicholson's neighbor, a homosexual artist who loses everything.

Nicholson reluctantly comes to the aid of his unlikely companions, at the same time slowly overcoming his disease.

Though the three actors have amazing chemistry and the movie becomes emotionally gripping at times, it seemed as though they were always having the wrong reactions to what was happening.

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Sports

Six out of eight isn't bad for Demon baseball

Heather Perimon
staff writer

When Northwestern State was left out of the NCAA Tournament despite winning the Southland Conference baseball title for the sixth-time in the last eight seasons, the news stung Demon coach John Cohen.

Cohen, who guided the Demons to a 40-20 record after being hired to replace Dave Van Horn on January 19, inherited a team picked for third in the SLC. However, NSU won the league with a 15-8 mark, winning 23 of its last 30 games overall, including 13 straight, which was the longest winning streak in the nation.

NSU's pitching staff was consistently ranked in the top 15 nationally in team ERA throughout the year.

At the SLC Tournament held in Shreveport, the top-seeded Demons committed three errors in an opening-round 4-2 loss to sixth-seeded Sam Houston State.

After posting three straight elimination-round wins to reach the championship round, NSU was doomed by three more errors in a 5-4 loss to Nicholls State(28-32), which claimed the league's automatic NCAA Tournament berth by winning the SLC Tournament title.

Despite being denied an at-large NCAA Tournament invitation, the Demons did bring home four out of five of the top SLC honors.

Cohen was named SLC Coach of the Year and senior Brian Lawrence received the SLC pitcher of the year trophy. Junior shortstop Ryan Anholt took home the SLC "Newcomer" and "Player of the Year" honors after hitting .417 with a school record 71 RBI's and 15 home runs.

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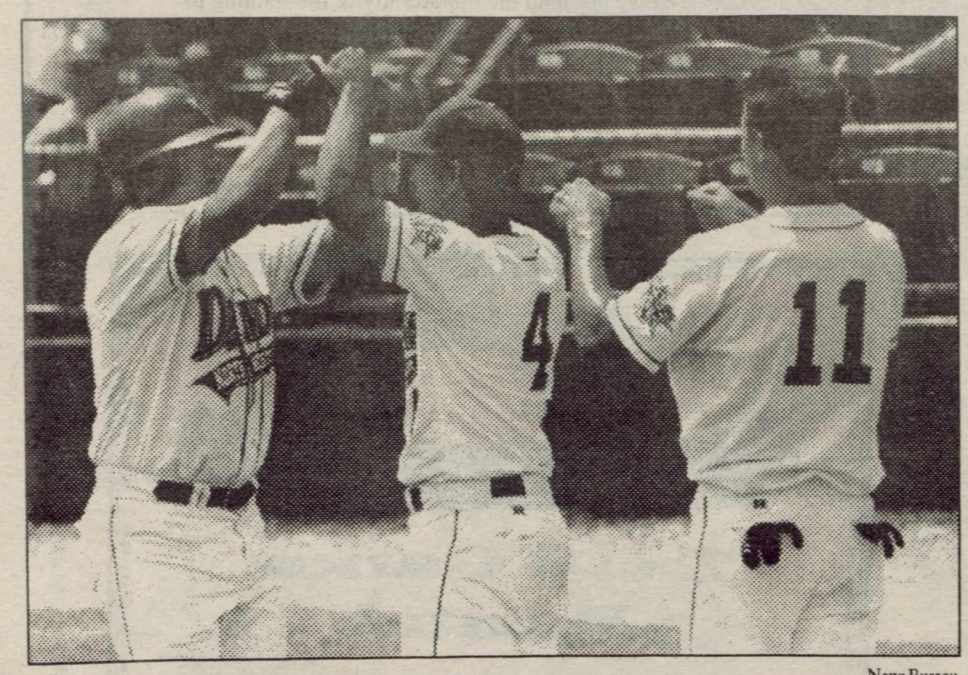
Baseball scout favorite Brandon Emanuel sits another opponent down during their four day trip to Fair Grounds Field in Shreveport for the Southland Conference Tournament.



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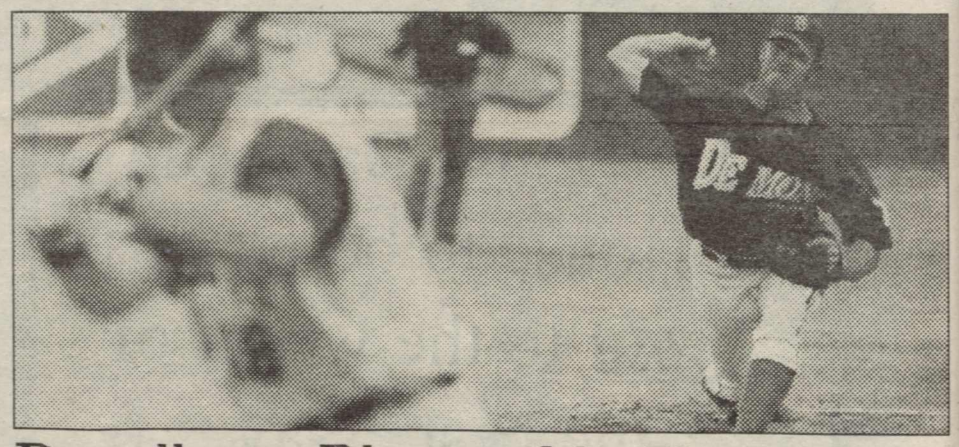
Teammates high-five and praise outfielder Ronnie Quintana after slamming a home run at Fair Grounds Field.



Powell now Player of the Year both in indoor and outdoor track

Brian Satawa
staff writer

All-American sprinter Ronnie Powell, who won three events for the Demons at the Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships earlier this week in San Marcos, was named the Southland Conference "Male Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year."

Powell won the honor after he won the 100 meter dash in 10.27, the 200 in 20.97, and running a leg on the 4x100 relay team(40.26). Powell helped the Demons finish third at the Southland Conference Track meet which concluded on Tuesday night.

The two-time All-American from Hope, Arkansas, will compete in the NCAA Outdoor Championships in June in Buffalo, New York.

Powell is one of six Demon track athletes to exceed qualifying standards for the upcoming NCAA championships and the only Demon to have reached automatic qualifying status. His time in the 100 is a automatic qualifying time and his 200 time is a provisional qualifying time.

Last season Powell finished seventh at the NCAA Outdoor Championships to earn his first All-American honor. This past March he finished a close third at the NCAA Indoor Championships and won All-American honors for the second time.

Powell was also a first team all-conference running back for the Demon football team last fall and he helped lead the Demons to their first Southland Conference championship in football in ten years last season.

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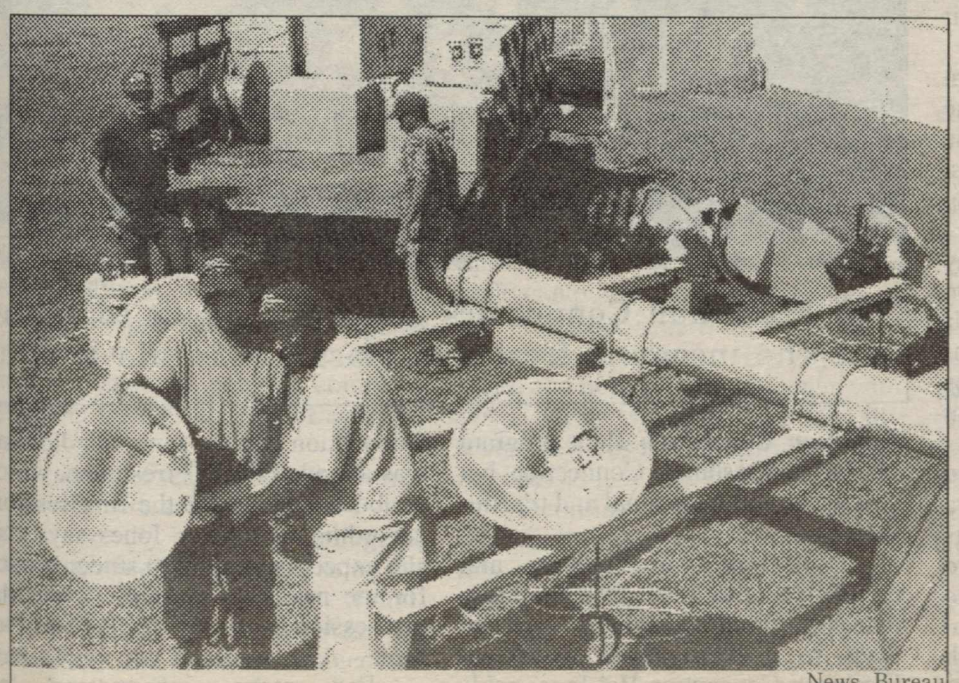


News Bureau

Contract workers are busy installing light at the girls softball field bringing the renovations near end

Softball Field Gets Facelift

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

During the last two semesters, Demon Field, home of the 1998 Southland Conference Softball champions, received a makeover.

A press box was added behind the bleacher facing home plate. The center field wall also received a paint job. Recently lights were put up around the field so that the team could hold night games.

The president said that we would get lights and there they are," Demon head coach Gay McNutt said. "We constantly have to play around our schedules and had to played some afternoon game which caused players to miss class. Dr. Webb felt that they were important from an academic standpoint."

The physical plant here on campus built the press box at Demon field while parents like Wilbur Owens, father of former pitcher Jennifer Owens, painted it. Volleyball Coach Mary De Jute, painted the center field. A contracting company was hired to put the finishing touches on with the lights.

Dr. Randall Webb, President of the University, was pleased with the new look.

"The NSU Softball Field Complex is a beautiful, well-maintained facility thanks to the effort of coaches, parents, boosters, and Northwestern Physical Plant Personnel." Dr. Webb stated. "I am especially pleased that we are now able to add lighting to the field. This will provide for more flexible scheduling of games and practices, and, I hope, increase attendance."

The field costs roughly $150,000.

Continuing Education Grant

Becky Shumake
Staff writer

The Office of Continuing Education has received a grant from the Coordinating and Development Corporation of Shreveport to establish a welfare to work program.

The grant, which totaled $361,482, will be used to implement the "Northwestern Works" plan. The plan will assist eligible welfare recipients in Natchitoches, Red River and Sabine parishes.

According to Dr. Alvin Brossette, Jr., director of the Office of Continuing Education, "Northwestern Works" will link education, business, government and community agencies together in a way which will utilize available resources most efficiently. "Northwestern has a longtime commitment to the community and a history of post graduate employment. This is a logical way to help part of the area we serve in a new way by providing pre-employment education and placement."

The grant will be used to assist those Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients who have been receiving welfare for 30 or more months or who face termination from TANF assistance within the next twelve months and exhibit labor deficiencies. These deficiencies include the lack of a high school diploma or GED, poor reading and math skills, required substance abuse treatment and little or no job history.

The "Northwestern Works" plan will place 368 TANF recipients in unsubsidized employment for a minimum of 13 weeks. The plan will implement traditional job development, new training approaches, child care and transportation opportunities for TANF recipients.

"Northwestern Works" will also assist recipients by offering job coaching/training, money management and life skills training. Through this training, recipients will learn how to obtain additional earnings through job promotions.

News Bureau

Rhett Crosby (Center) Goes Through the Fee Payment Process on Monday

Summer Fee Payment Easier than Usual

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Although paying fees can still be a hassle, the shorter lines at summer school fee payment are a welcome sight to most students.

"The line for the cashier was long, but everything else was quicker than in the fall or spring," said junior Heath Crawford.

"I was in and out in 20 minutes," said biology major Scott Crousillac.

Fee payment for the summer session started yesterday and will continue through 4:30 pm today at Prather Coliseum.

Summer school sessions began on May 18 and will end on August 7.

Last year over 4,000 students attended summer school at Northwestern, according to the registrar's office.

News

Freshman Connection Still Helping New Students

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Making new students feel comfortable at Northwestern is the goal of Freshman Connection, Northwestern's summer orientation program, according to Director of New Student Programs Gail Jones.

"We think that when freshman leave our program, they feel relieved and more comfortable about coming back to Northwestern in the fall," Jones said.

Freshman Connection is a two day program in which new students become oriented with Northwestern's campus, learn about student organizations, are introduced to college life, and are given the opportunity to register for classes. There are four of these sessions during the summer so that as many freshman as possible can attend.

However, making new friends is a big part of Freshman Connection too.

"When new students come to Freshman Connection, they meet many upperclassmen as well as get to know other freshman," Jones continued. "This helps open a lot of doors for them when they get here for their first semester in the fall."

The main key to success at Freshman Connection are the Freshman Connectors themselves, the student orientation leaders that assist the freshman during Freshman Connection.

"Both parents and freshmen enjoy being in contact with Northwestern students," Jones added. "Their (Freshman Connectors) sincerity, honesty, and love for Northwestern helps to put the new students' minds at ease."

Freshman Connection is also accompanied by Parent Connection, a similar program that helps parents learn about Northwestern and to answer their questions pertaining to such topics as financial aid, meal plans, and residential life. Although the programs happen at the same time, most of the activities for students and their parents are separate.

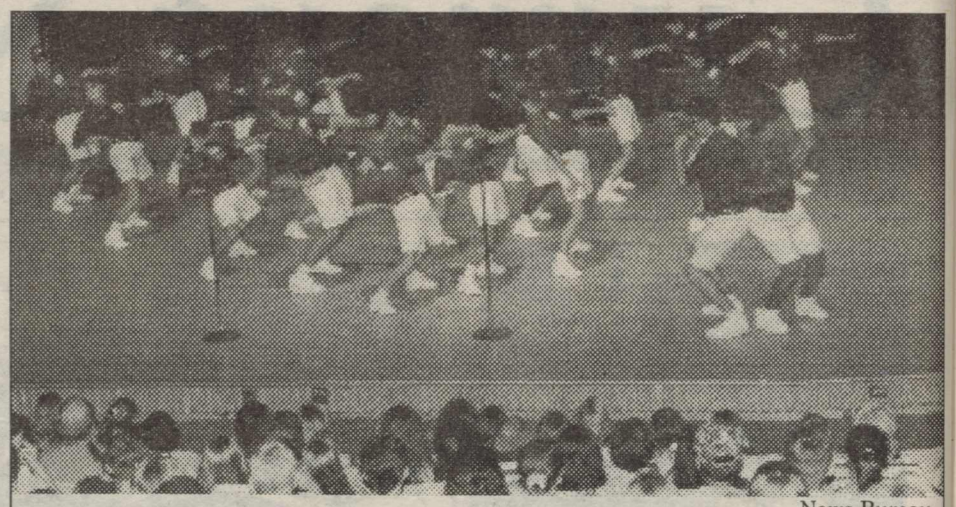
Also this summer will be Freshman Connection II, a program similar to Freshman Connection but geared for non-traditional and transfer students.

"Non-traditional students and transfer students have different needs than traditional freshmen, and we want to address those needs at Freshman Connection II," Jones said.

Freshman Connection II takes place on Friday, June 12 and lasts for one day.

The first session of Freshman Connection was on June 4 and 5, and was attended by 257 freshman, which is about average for the first session, according to Jones. Jones says that she expects around 200 students each for the next two sessions, while the last session is usually the largest of all four.

For more information on Freshman Connection, call the office of New Student Programs at 357-5559.



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The Freshman Connectors perform a dance to entertain the incoming freshman class at Magale Recital

Cook Recieves New Position

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

A vital part of Northwestern's orientation program will be gone at the end of the summer when graduate assistant Angela Cook leaves the office of New Student Programs.

Angela Cook

Cook, who served as a Freshman Connector in 1993 and 1994 and has served as a graduate assistant since 1995, will be moving to Louisiana College in Pineville where she was recently named Director of Student Activities.

"Angela has been really vital to the success of all of our programs because of her enthusiasm, positive attitude, and hard work," said Gail Jones, Director of New Student Programs here at Northwestern.

Cook has assisted with the selection and training of the Freshman Connectors, has been responsible for most of Freshman Connection's public relations, and does many of the behind the scenes work that makes Freshman Connection possible.

"I have really enjoyed working with Freshman Connection," Cook said." I have especially enjoyed getting to know the student leaders (Connectors) and seeing their development and growth as they are trained."

Cook's love for Northwestern and for Freshman Connection shows in her work, according to Jones.

"Some people just do their jobs and others love their work, "Jones continued. "Angela loves what she does and she does it well."

Cook is excited about her new position, but says she will miss Northwestern.

"I'm going to miss Freshman Connection and working with Ms. Gail," Cook added. "But most of all, I'm going to miss the student oriented environment at Northwestern."

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News

Students with disabilities now provided with better chance to be computer proficient with new technology

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Northwestern State University and 100 pre-school teachers from Bossier, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn and Rapides parishes are ensuring that children with disabilities are provided with a chance to become computer proficient through the use of assistive technology.

A series of teacher training workshops for pre-school teachers was offered recently by NSU's College of Education through a grant from the Board of Regents Support Fund. Project CATS, Computer Assisted Technology for Students, trained the early intervention teachers with the appropriate skills they need in order to teach the students how to use computers.

According to Dr. Joy McGehee, the workshops are the result of a two-year effort.

"Our teachers actually sat down at a computer station and previewed pre-school software, learned how to install it and then worked with assistive technology devices," McGehee said.

"Young children can't use keyboards so we taught the teachers how to hook up a single switch device which a child can punch to access the computer," McGehee said. "We also showed them how to hook up a big keys keyboard and how to operate a touch window, where students can actually touch their responses instead of keying it in."

According to McGehee, children with disabilities might not be able to turn on switch activated toys so teachers were shown how to operate them. McGehee says that with new technology, a child can use switches to make the toys work.

Augmentative communication devices, devices that talk for a child who is non-verbal, were learned by the teachers at these workshops.

"A teacher records a message into a box shaped object with pictures on them," McGehee said. "By touching the picture the child wants, he or she can hear the recorded message."

Participants also learned how to use the Internet to obtain information on pre-school software. They also got research on the effectiveness of using computers.

"The demand for these workshops was high," McGehee said. "Mainly because the state has moved rapidly to put computers into public school classrooms and that includes pre-school teachers receiving computers. But, there has not been any training geared specifically toward these teachers. They are learning how to use something they have already have in their classroom."

Although there are excellent teaching methods taking place in the classrooms, computers strengthen their learning for instruction, according to McGehee.

"The pre-school child that has been exposed to a computer is better off in later years particularly when they enter high school," McGehee said. "If it weren't for assistive technolo[illegible]

ties would never have a chance to learn computers. Assistive technology and computer-based instruction is proving to be one of the keys for making a difference in the lives of young children with disabilities."

The grant also provided for the installation of computers and assistive technology devices at NSU's Child Development Centers in addition to the workshops. McGehee says the success of the workshops can be contributed in part to NSU graduate students in educational technology and Elizabeth Landry from Rapides Parish.

"The skills our teachers are learning will enable students with disabilities to perform many tasks that they were not able to perform previously," McGehee said. "This has helped our teachers see the value of computer assisted technology. The response to this has been the best of any workshop I have ever conducted. It was a workshop that was clearly needed and wanted."

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Our View

With the recent shootings at schools across America, it makes one wonder what could inspire such violence in our youth.

For many years various groups have blamed Hollywood, the music industry, sports, and even cartoons for the rise in crime among minors.

However, one group that has seemed to dodge the blame is the media. The mass media is just as much to blame as any of the aforementioned groups.

The reason is that the mass media often gives way to much attention to sensational stories of cruelty and death.They feel that the "shock value" of these happenings will draw attention.

Take for instance the fact that the "Unabomber's Manifesto" was published by major newspapers in this country. The reason they gave was that they felt that it would aid in the capture of the culprit. The FBI felt that it would not help at all. It was easy to see that newspapers were merely printing something that would create a stir and increase circulation, not help save lives.

In a day and age when many children grow up in one-parent homes or in families where both parents work, the television (sadly) becomes a baby-sitter of sorts. And when one of the few educational shows on national television is the nightly news, it follows that many young Americans are spending their formative years watching death, violence, and other forms of degradation.

We are not saying that what happens should not be reported but that the media has a responsibility to report the news in a manner that does not glorify these mass acts of violence and social malfunction.

Every night of the week the major networks show crime, death, and violence followed by hour long "video magazines" that cover the same subjects except in greater depth; this is saturating our culture with the idea that horror and death is a normal occurrence in everyone's life and that it is alright.

The media can cover the news and still fulfill is responsibility to society. Some would defend our present day media by saying that what happens should be reported truthfully no matter what it is. We agree; however, continually dwelling on horrific occurrences in our society day after day is not an accurate portrayal of our society.

Dan's Plan

It's Your life, live it my way

Danny Helms

All Utah Jazz fans need to start crying and except the fact that the Bulls will win a sixth championship in the 90's.

Northwestern could have beat the Jazz on Sunday night. Utah was horrible, the only shining light was that Karl Malone finally played well. The rest of the team had the day off apparently.

The Bulls now lead the series 2-1 with game four and five being played in Chicago.

Let's talk about the play of Dennis "The Worm" Rodman, Rodman is the man when it comes to defense. I may think his hair is funny looking and his lifestyle is somewhat odd, but he is the best defensive player alive. Rodman shuts people down. A lot of people don't remember that he played for the " Badboy's" Detroit Pistons, when they won three championship's in a row.

Scottie Pippen has played spectacular defense as well as offense. This will be his final year with the Bulls.

Bulls dominate Jazz two years in a row

Michael Jordan is still without a doubt the best player in the history of basketball. He has lead the Bulls since 1983, except for a year when he needed a break. Unfortunately this will be his last season wearing a Bulls uniform, and maybe even his last season in a uniform. I hope he play's a couple of more years.

I do not understand why the owner of the Bulls is not willing to do anything to keep this team together. They win consistently, and I know they bring in revenue.

When Jordan, Pippen and Rodman are gone from the Bulls, the Bulls will suck, "and I mean suck bad."

Back to Game four which will be in Chicago Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.. I think Chicago will kill Utah again, and then again Friday. This will be the end the reign of the Bulls.

Watch the next couple of games, this might be your last chance to see Michael Jordan, the greatest player who ever lived, play the game he reinvented, basketball.

Start the Insanity

David Sullivan

Last issue in "Summer Weight Loss Tips" I gave you, the students of N.S.U., an unconventional diet that allows one to lose a substantial amount of weight in a very short time.

The theory is, that it is already unhealthy to be overweight, so the method for taking the weight off is irrelevant, i.e. lipo-suction, Slim Fast, and crash diets like my own.

Unfortunately, once you lose the weight, the only way to keep it off is to accept that you have a low metabolism, and the only way to stay thin is to start acting healthy.

Assuming that you stuck to "The Diet" and got down to your desired weight level, you need to think seriously about exercise. Find an aerobic activity you enjoy that makes you sweat for about an hour. Many people and myself prefer good old fashioned jogging or running. Jogging elevates the heart rate, respiration, and if performed consistently enough, increases metabolic activity.

Get some running shoes and Jog

If you have never jogged before it will not be too impossible to start. Invest in some decent running shoes and few pairs of shorts. Find a time of the day that is good for you. It is very important to stretch before running, especially in the morning when your muscles are tight from sleeping. It would take too long to explain good stretching techniques in the limited space I have so we'll just go into the running.

The first time you go jogging, run about a half a mile or whatever suits you. It's very important to walk a couple of hundred feet before and after you run. Before: gets your heart to start pumping. After: allows you to cool down gradually. Never stop running without "walking it off."

Try to jog five times a week, and gradually increase your distance as time goes on. After two weeks run a little further. Eventually, try to get to where you can run as far as you want.

Features

Troop A of Natchitoches Activated to Aid Hagewood Community in Water Crisis

David E Sullivan
Staff writer

When most people think of the Army National Guard, the old expression "weekend warrior" usually comes to mind. No one realizes that weekend warriors do more than just stampede around in the woods one weekend a month, shoot guns, and eat unidentifiable food.

The unsung heroes play an active part in the community and most people do not realize this. Hagewood Community learned this themselves about two weeks ago, in a moment of crisis when they're water wells ran dry.

It was Sunday, May 23rd., at roughly 2 p.m. when Lee Perkins of the State Office of Emergency Preparedness Division received a phone call from the Civil Defense headquarters, to inform him that Hagewood Community had run out of water. Perkins immediately called the 256th Infantry Brigade at Fort Polk, Army Post in Leesville.

Within two hours of Hagewoods' request for help, the 108th Cavalry, Troop A of Natchitoches arrived at Hagewoods' two empty water towers with it's first load of 800 gallons, where a city water plant employee eagerly chlorine tested the water and pumped it home. Sergeant John Allen, a Cavalry Scout of the 108th., and a student of Northwestern State University, was among the few soldiers involved, on state active duty.

The cavalry troops transported the water with two diesel "deuce and a half" trucks, each pulling one 400 gallon tank of water. Natchitoches' main fire hydrant, located near Interstate-49, supplied it. By 9 p.m. that evening they stopped for the night after delivering 11,000 gallons.

They started the next day at 8 a.m. and delivered water until 8 p.m., almost completely filling the two 40,000 gallon-capacity water towers. In one and a half days they had delivered 71,000 gallons of water with minimum personnel and minimum equipment.

" The guard is a community based defense force, and it's always rewarding to go out and help the community we belong to," Sergeant-First-Class Relifor, 108 Cavalry's First Sergeant humbly stated.

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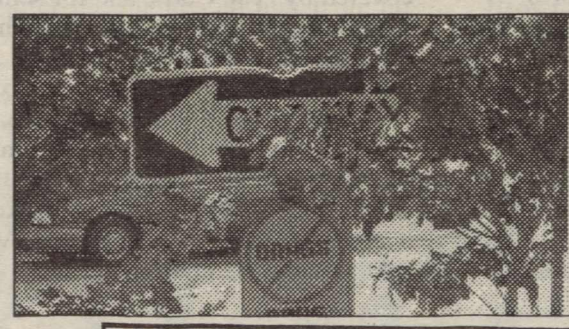
Staff Sergeant Lasher and Staff Sergeant Meziere helped coordinate the water distribution for the desperate Hagewood community



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Fear and Loathing in Natchitoches

Mike Boyd
Staff writer

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

If you have ever wondered just why people shouldn't do drugs, you should see "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Based on the book by Hunter S. Thompson, this is the story of reporter Raoul Duke (Johnny Depp of Edward Scissorhands) and his attorney/drug-dealer Dr. Gonzo (Benicio del Toro of The Usual Suspects). Sent to cover a story in the city that never sleeps, the duo also embark on another kind of trip.

The movie commences with an insane, drug-induced ride through the deserts of Nevada, where Duke swats at hundreds of imaginary bats and manages to scare a hitch-hiker into leaping from his car and running away.

Duke and Dr. Gonzo continue on to the casinos of Las Vegas, swallowing and inhaling a variety of drugs from their considerable stash and experiencing an equal variety of effects.

Midway through the movie, however, the movie shifts gears from a dark comedy to an introspective period piece about the drug culture at the end of the Vietnam War.

While the film had its great moments, it became a tedious slice-of-life flick with no real plot or conclusion, leaving us only with the sage advice of Raoul Duke: "Get back in the tub, eat some reds and calm down."

Overall: B-

Death by tribute album

Amy Haney
Staff writer

Legacy: a tribute to Fleetwood Mac's Rumors
Atlantic Records

First, allow me to say that I have never been a fan of tribute albums, but after listening to this one, I may never give one a chance again.

There are a few good covers on this album, such as the Cranberries with "Go Your Own Way." It stays true to the original, but Delores O'Riordan's lovely vibrato serves the song well.

Even though I am not a fan of Matchbox 20, I have to admit that their cover of "Never Going Back Again" is one of the best songs on this CD. It strayed somewhat from the Fleetwood Mac version but didn't become just another Matchbox 20 song, either.

Another surprise for me was "Songbird" which was remade by Duncan Sheik. The vocals are soft with a spare orchestral backing that builds into a full symphony sound by the end of the song. Very nice.

That 's all I have to say that is good. Now for the griping.

Elton John imposes himself on "Don't Stop," turning it into a very 80's, very Elton-like song that makes me wonder if he mistook it for another Disney soundtrack. "Dreams" was covered by The Corrs, and for some unfathomable reason—even though the song starts out well—they turn it into a dance mix. Yes, a dance mix.

And the fun doesn't stop there. The Goo Goo Dolls roar up with their interpretation of "I Don't Want to Know." Guess what. It sounds like every other Goo Goo Dolls song ever made! Surprise, surprise. Sister Hazel turns "Gold Dust Woman," already a classic rock song, into an extremely classic rock song with overpowering guitar riffs punctuated with a sitar, of all things. And the sitar was the only aspect I liked!

Jewel lends her voice to "You Make Lovin' Fun." Lovin' would be more fun if she had yodeled the whole thing. Her cover is identical to the original version and just as dull. Shawn Colvin covers "The Chain," toning it to her style just a little before surrendering to the Fleetwood Mac version.

The other songs on this album didn't impress me enough to earn a mention. I did find it noteworthy, however, that this albums producer was Fleetwood Mac's own Mick Fleetwood, which makes me wonder about his ego. Aren't tribute albums supposed to be unsolicited?

One man's garbage

Sean Woods
Staff writer

Garbage
Version 2.0
Almo Sounds

Following their 1995 multi-platinum self-titled release, Garbage's *Version 2.0* brings the familiar guitar-laced electronic dance beats to all those people who need a long overdue Shirley Manson fix.

Most of the 12 tracks move at a faster pace than the music on the '95 release. The slow ballads of "Medication" and "You Look So Fine" balance the CD out so that it's not racing out of your speakers. You also have to love the way she makes the lyrics to "Golden Showers" sound so happy and peppy.

I have to admit, when I first heard the single "Push it" I was kind of disappointed, but after a couple more listens and viewing the video on MTV, I highly recommend watching it, even if you have to go to another city that actually has MTV. The song grew on me tremendously.

Tracks like "Sleep Together" and "The Trick is to Keep Breathing"
may make this album a little too mature for the young kids (sorry, guys).

Butch Vig does a good job again on drums and production of the CD. *Version 2.0* is a sophomore CD worth looking into.

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Sports

Lady Demon Softball Team Snubbed by All-La. squad

Bryan Satawa
staff writer

The Lady Demon softball team, after completing it's most successful season ever, were shut out of the voting on the All-Louisiana softball team.

The Lady Demons who finished 40-18 overall on the year and won the Southland Conference regular season and tournament titles had no players voted onto the first team.

Coach Gay McNutt was however, voted Coach of the Year in the poll after leading the Lady Demons with a worst to first turnaround in the Southland Conference with a 19 game turnaround in conference play alone. The Lady Demons posted a 23-3 league mark this past season compared to a 7-25 mark a year ago in conference play.

Northwestern had two players named to the second team in pitcher Jennifer Owens and first-baseman Shante' Jones.

Owens a junior from Haughton, had a outstanding season finishing with a record of 17-8 with 5 saves and 5 shutouts. Owens was also a First Team All-Southland Conference selection and was also named the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week twice during the season. She threw a no-hitter against Southeastern Louisiana and had a ERA of 1.17 which ranked her in the top 15 nationally by the NCAA.

Jones, a junior from Melrose, also had a excellent season receiving First Team All-Southland Conference honors. She finished the season with a .309 average with 10 doubles, 22 RBI's, 21 stolen bases, and a .987 fielding percentage.

Three other Lady Demons received honorable mention status on the team and they were shortstop Becca Allen, Brandy Kenny who plays at third, and Linette Stuart who plays in the outfield.

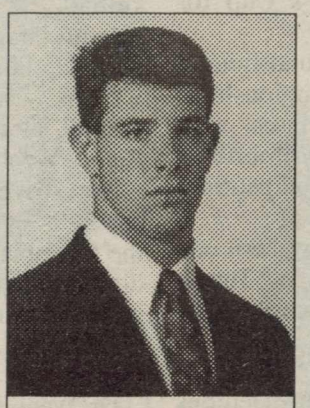
The Louisiana Sports Writers Association left out Becca Allen who was the Southland Conference Tournament MVP. She has gotten overlooked a lot in the past month in the post season honors selection fiascoes by the Southland Conference and the LSWA. Allen finished the year with a .347 average, 7 homeruns 31 RBI's and 15 stolen bases. Allen who was a first team selection as a freshman in 1995 got nudge out again for second team honors by Northeast Louisiana shortstop Ruth Dawson.

Emanuel Heads Draft Class

Kris Collinsworth
sports editor

Junior reliever Brandon Emanuel topped the list of four Demons chosen during the major league baseball summer amateur draft.

Emanuel was the 61st player chosen in the 2nd during the 50-round draft. Demon starter and Southland Conference "Pitcher of the Year" Brian Lawrence got picked by the San Diego Padres in the 17th round while Allen Davis was chosen by Los Angeles Dodger in the 24th. 1997 strikeout leader Chris Brown went to the Chicago Cubs in the 33rd round of the draft.



BRANDON EMANUEL

Emanuel received the news while cutting grass.

"I was out of the house trying to get away from things and doing some dirty work cutting grass when I got the call from my mother," Emanuel stated. "She was in near hysterics and told me to get home right away."

"I probably need to call the lady and apologize, because I went pretty fast after the phone call and I might have missed a few spots But it looks better than it did."

He began his pitching career as sophomore where he compiled a 0-3 record. However as a junior, Emanuel posted a 5-1 record and a team best 2.15 ERA and a conference record 8 saves. He sat down 52 opponents while walking only 18 in 62.2 innings of play.

Demon head coach John Cohen was excited for Emanuel, the highest draft pick in Northwestern State Baseball history.

"Brandon is just such a great individual and deserves this opportunity," Cohen stated. "He worked extremely hard this season and it paid off for him."

As the starting pitcher of all conference series this year, Lawrence lead the team in strikeouts with 104, six shy of colleague Chris Brown's record. Lawrence also lead the team in the most complete games this season with six and innings pitched with 110.2.

In 84.2 innings of work, Davis accrued the third highest amount of strike outs with 56 while walking only 17 opponents. In 18 appearance he acquired an on-base percentage of .286, giving him an 8-2 record.

Brown set a single season record last year for the most strikeout with 110.

With an ERA of 4.36, Brown had a record of 6-3 for the year.

Ronnie Powell Wins All-American Honors At the NCAA Championships

Bryan Satawa
staff writer

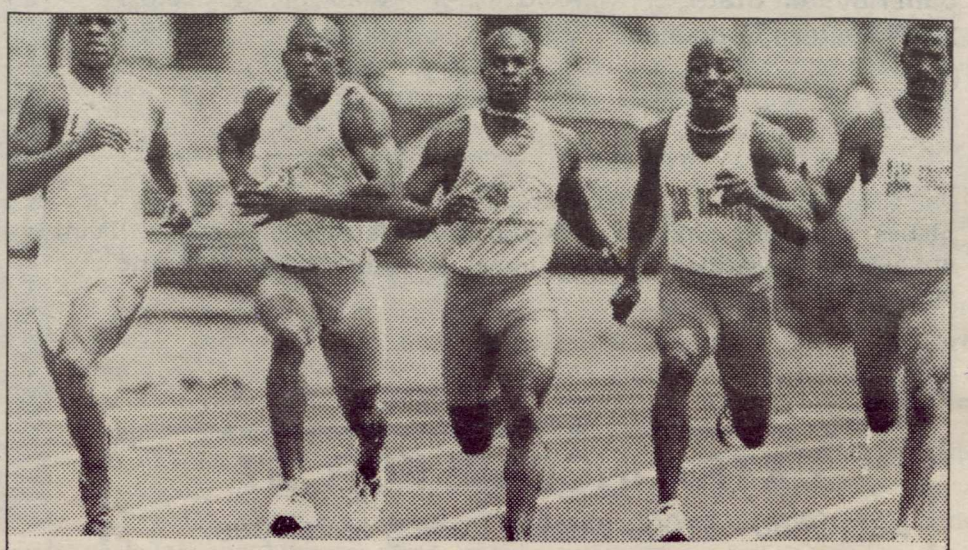
Despite a strained muscle, Demon sprinter Ronnie Powell earned his third career All-American award Saturday with a seventh place finish in the 100 meter dash at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Buffalo, New York.

Powell who was third midway through the race, faded down the stretch for 10.53 clocking in the eight-man final.

Coach Leon Johnson said that Powell strained a quadriceps in his semi-final heat on Friday, and that hampered him in the finals on Saturday. "It's a painful injury and that makes it difficult to run," he said. "Ronnie couldn't run well, but he competed well enough at the end to hold on for seventh place. When you put that into context of all of the sprinters at more then 300 Division I schools, it is pretty amazing."

Kenta Bell was the other Demon competing at the championships in the triple jump and long jump. Bell had trouble getting marks down in both events and did not qualify for the finals in either event.

Earlier this year, Powell placed third in the 55 meter dash at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis to earn All-American honors, the fourth Demon in school history to accomplish this feat. Powell ran 6.22 that day.



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Automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships in New York, Powell recorded a record time in the 100 meter dash.

Sports

Demons Win Commissioner's Cup

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

A lot of hard work has paid off for the Northwestern State Demons.

Last Wednesday the school brought home the coveted Southland Conference Commissioner's Cup for the 1997-98 school year.

The decision was made unofficially at the SLC Outdoor Championships, which finished up in San Marcos with the Demons taking third an fourth in the men's and women's competition, respectively.

These wins edged Northwestern one point over the University of Texas-Arlington 135-134. McNeese round out the top three with 127 points.

Winning the baseball and softball regular season titles put the Demons well ahead of Texas-Arlington. Northwestern State took home its first football title in a decade and men's indoor track title to boost their SLC standings.

Crucial in winning this years cup was a second place finish in men's basketball, the best showing by Northwestern since joining the Southland in 1987.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," Northwestern President Dr. Randy Webb said.

"We strive for excellence in every endeavor at Northwestern, and to win the Commissioner's Cup indicates the high level of achievement across the board in our athletic program. It is a proud day to be a Northwestern Demon."

Dr. Webb and Greg Burke care about the young men and women who compete for us as if those kids were their own," Demon head football coach Sam Goodwin remarked. "Our athletes know that from the highest level at Northwestern, people around here are really interested, and that is a big motivational boost."

George Etheredge of Natchitoches, president of the Northwestern Athletic Association support group, said he is proud of the overall success of men's and women's sports.

"It's a tribute to the program to win the all-sports award, but I think it's even more important that women's athletics are looked at with the same importance as the men's sports at Northwestern," Etheredge stated. "Another thing we're proud about is once the kids get through with their sports careers, most of them have a degree and that's really what matters most."

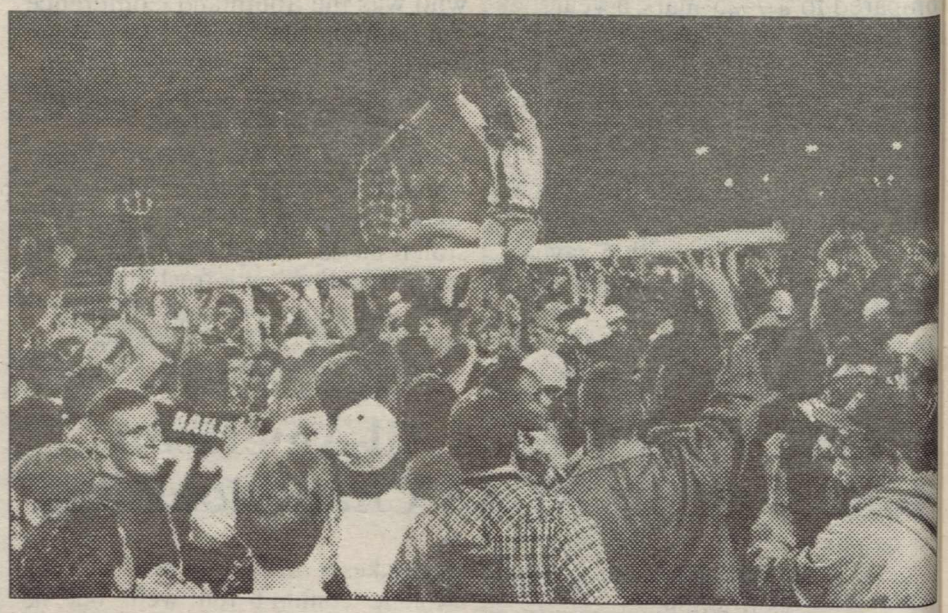
According to athletic director Greg Burke, though athletes and coaches provides the wins, winning the Commissioner's Cup was a "total team effort."

"You can't have a successful athletic program without the foundation of a great university, and we are fortunate to represent Northwestern State University," Burke claimed. "The Students, the faculty and staff, and the alumni support our athletic program. Our success reflects that fact, and is a tribute to everyone who is involved with and cares about Northwestern."

Commissioner's Cup

	Men	Women	Total
Northwestern State	69.5	65.5	135.0
Texas-Arlington	56.5	77.5	134.0
McNeese State	57.5	69.5	127.0
Southwest Texas	70.5	53.5	124.0
Stephen F. Austin	42.5	74.5	117.0
Texas-San Antonio	50.0	66.0	116.0
Northeast Louisiana	53.0	55.5	106.5
Nicholls State	46.5	46.5	97.0
Sam Houston State	46.5	33.5	79.0
Southeastern Louisiana	29.5	40.0	69.5

The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the university compiling the highest combined total of men's and women's all-sports points. Points are awarded regardless of the number of teams competing in the sports.



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Fans and Demon football players celebrate with the south end zone goal post after topping the Southland Football League. The win was one of many that aided Northwestern in bringing home the Commissioner's Cup.

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Smoke Stacks Get Face-lift

Becky Shumake
Staff Writer

Renovations have begun on the historic smoke stack that is located at the Trisler Power Plant on the Northwestern campus.

The $51,000 project is being funded by deferred maintenance money from Governor Mike Foster and is estimated to be completed within two to three weeks.

The smoke stack is a 140 x 8 foot red radial brick structure that was built in 1939 by Consolidated Brick Company of Chicago, Illinois. Although the smoke stack is no longer used, its original purpose was to serve as an exhaust system for the power plant generator that supplied electricity to all of Northwestern's dormitories, lecture halls and office buildings.

The smoke stack is located in a historic section of the campus that includes Russell Hall, Trisler Power Plant and several other historic sites near that area of campus.

Although the smoke stack has not been declared unsafe, five to ten more years of deterioration may have made the structure dangerous. "Basically, we had two options, to tear the structure down or to restore it to a safe condition," Director of the Physical Plant Loran Lindsey said.

In order to prevent further deterioration of the historic structure, Northwestern has employed R & P Industrial Chimney Company of Nicholasville, Kentucky to complete the smoke stack renovations and restore it to a safe condition. Wayne Collier, an employee of the company said, "What we are doing here is a historic restoration."

Restoration of the smoke stack will include replacing all the cracked and broken bricks and cleaning and replacing the mortar. When the restoration is complete, the entire structure will be waterproofed and sealed for preservation. According to Lindsey, a lightening protection system and a stainless steel cap will also be added.

As a final touch, Lindsey hopes to add a purple neon light to the top of the structure. "The neon will be a way to guide people to Northwestern from the Bypass and Highway 6." Lindsey said.

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140 feet above the campus, workers replace all the cracked and broken bricks while they clean and replace the mortar.

Terry Kilgore

Workers must clear several acres of land before the much anticipated nine holes can be added. Timber was sold to help absorb some of the expense of the project.

Nine More Holes in Near Future for the Rec. Complex

Terry Kilgore
Managing-Editor

The Northwestern State University Recreation Complex golf course is undergoing an enlargement process in which a much anticipated back nine will be added by the Spring of 2000, according to Recreation Complex Director William Ackel.

Ackel says the improvements will make the course much more demanding with the additions of some longer holes.

"It will probably wind up being a par-72 layout, around 6,500 total yards," Ackel said. "We'll have two par-5's on the front and two par-5's on the back. That is where the par-72 will come from."

Ackel says he is getting plenty of support for funding of this project, which will not be cheap. The cost for one average sized green runs between $35-$40,000.

"We got a good price on the timber," Ackel said. "We have also had a lot of help from Representative Long and Senator Smith. We are predicting it will cost somewhere around $600,000."

"We have talked to Senator Breaux, and Jimmy and Mike, and they are all willing to help," Ackel said.

The Recreation Complex itself is debt-free, a fact that Ackel says is also helping to fund the project.

"We are building a lot of it out of our own cash flow," Ackel said. "Since there is no debt on the original, we have paid all of it off, and we felt like we needed to do something with the surplus."

There is hope that the new nine holes will help ease the overcrowding problem that has plagued the course in recent years. Ackel feels this is the case.

"With us being the only public course in town, it's not getting any better," Ackel said, "It's getting worse."

"We are all excited about this project," Ackel concluded. "This complex is an asset not only to Northwestern, but for the city and parish."

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Elevators Redesigned to Meet American's With Disabilities Act

Mike Boyd
Staff Writer

Campus elevators are being reconfigured to meet regulations set forth by the American's With Disabilities Act.

One of the thirty-five top priority projects Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey is over-seeing is the extensive renovation of all of the elevators on campus.

The renovation is being done so that the elevators will be easier to operate by all who use them.

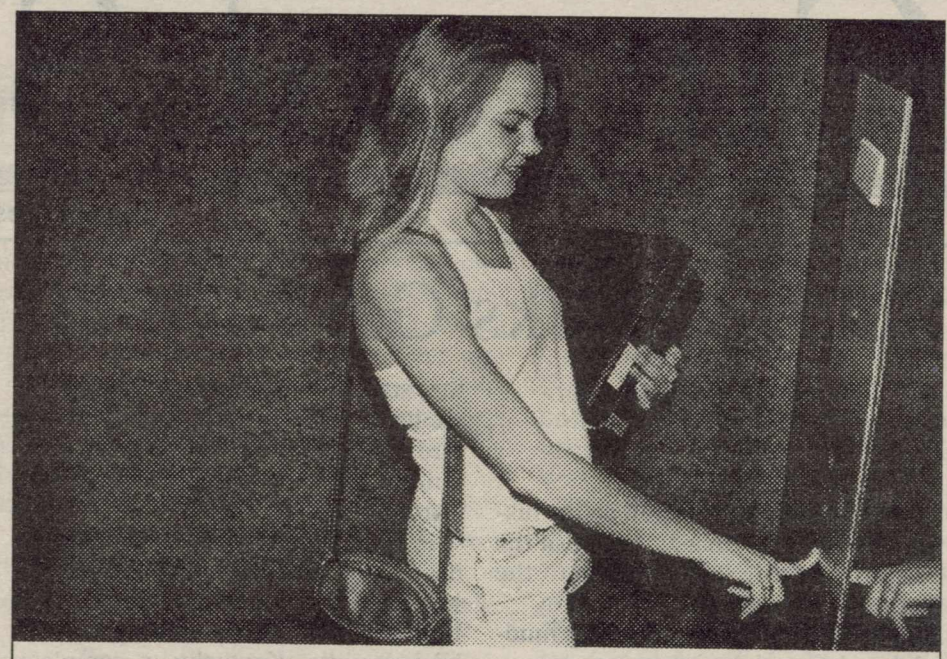
Elevator control panels will be lowered, their buttons will be enlarged and Braille will be added to make the elevators more accessible.

Emergency telephones will be installed with special adaptations for the seeing and hearing impaired. The telephones will have Braille for the seeing impaired and a light that lets the hearing impaired know when to speak.

Audible up and down signals will sound as well as a voice that will say "up" and "down" for the seeing impaired.

One of the final major improvements to the elevators will be automatic opening and re-opening devices, which will keep the doors from closing on anyone boarding or disembarking.

The renovations are scheduled to be completed by the fall semester.



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Mellissa Broungard uses one of the new, improved elevator control panels in Kyser Hall.

Sabine Dorm will have an Exclusive Wing Allocated to Creative and Performing Arts student

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Sabine Hall will have a wing exclusively for CAPA (creative and performing arts) students this fall.

The CAPA (north) Wing, as it will be called, will house female and male students. A private art studio and computer lab with software specifically designed for CAPA students is also planned for use in the fall. Rehearsal rooms with equipment are planned to be completed in the lobby by the spring semester.

The CAPA Wing is being created to provide "living and learning environments," Student Housing Director Frances Conine said. "The idea is to have a group of students with commonalities," Conine explained. By creating a private wing, Conine expects CAPA students to perform better and stay in school longer.

Any student affiliated with creative and performing arts or roommates of CAPA students may apply for housing in the CAPA Wing.

In an extension of the living and learning environment, orientation classes for CAPA students only will be offered in the fall.

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Work Resumes on Women's Gym Despite Fire Damage

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Work on the renovation of the old Women's Gymnasium has resumed and will be nearing the end of the first phase in July, according to the director of Northwestern's physical plant Loran Lindsey.

Work was delayed when a fire devastated the building last November. When the fire struck, workers were in the process of removing asbestos and doing cleanup work in preparation for renovation.

The building is being renovated for use as the new home of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. The NCPTT is an organization that works on the technical issues of preservation and conservation.

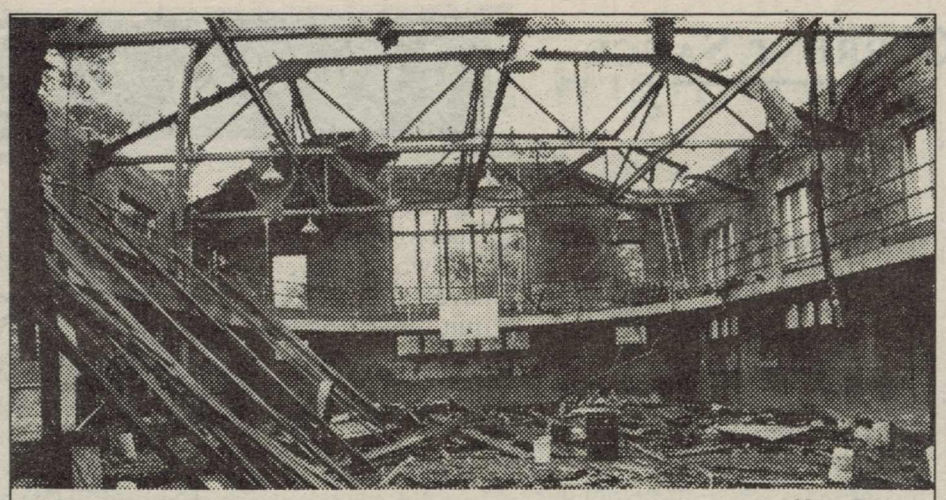
The current work started about five weeks ago as contractors began cleaning up the damage caused by the fire and began the demolition and abatement of hazardous materials.

The building currently has no roof, but that has not been a problem because of the dry weather, according to Lindsey.

"The workers have a bigger mess to clean up, but the work is proceeding well," Lindsey said.

Officials from Northwestern, the NCPTT, the Louisiana Division of Administration, and project architect Wayne Coco will meet this week to discuss the project and advertising for construction bids.

"Construction on the project should take about 15 to 18 months, so work will probably not be complete until early 2000," Lindsey continued.



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This is the inside of the Old Women's Gymnasium after the fire devastated it last November.

Constructed in 1923, the Women's Gymnasium is currently the oldest building on campus. It was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

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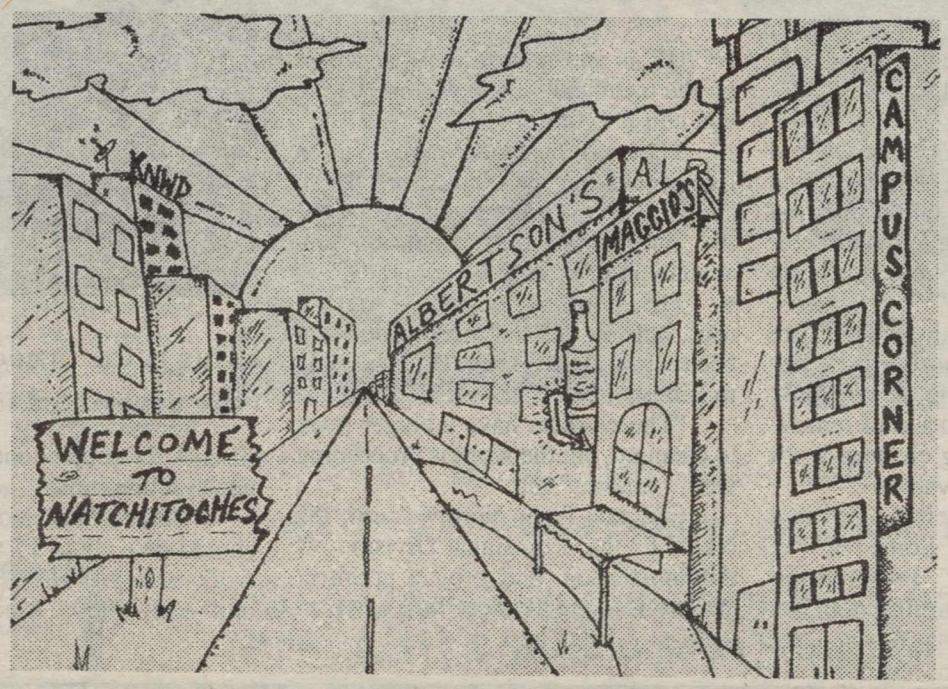

Here is hoping the so-called "sportswriters" of the world never have to peddle fruit for as long as they shall live.....

Natchitoches has seen a lot of growth over the years. Back in the "good ole days" before the Parkway Cinema opened, the only movie venue in town was the Don Theater. When the Cinema opened, it was like a Godsend.

Way back when, the main grocery store in town was Brookshire's. Then along came Wal-Mart and almost put Brookshire's out of business. Now Albertson's is about to roll into town and probably do the same thing to Wal-Mart.

And last, but certainly not least, our beloved Northwestern. Back in the late 80's when some of us started college, NSU was certainly different than it is now. There are far more students enrolled here now, but that does not necessarily mean that things are better. Sometimes it seems like it takes an act of congress to get anything done at Northwestern, and it is hard to figure out why. It is a lot to put up with, but something tells me when they put that little piece of paper in my hand, it will all be worth it.

Dan's Plan

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Danny Helms

Stupid Things People Say and Do

There are a lot of people in the world that are just wasting oxygen. I hear people say and do stupid things everyday.

The thing I hear most frequently and is very idiotic, is when someone calls me at home and asks " who is this?" They are calling me, they should know it is me. People also ask me "where are you at?"

When someone tells you a plate is hot, why do you touch it. Why when something smells bad do you ask someone else to smell it. I'll take your word for it, most people smell and say "yeah, that smells bad." Why do you do this?

Why do people always answer a problem , with a problem, for example. If I were to say "I had a hard test in French today." Instead of saying"did you pass it?", they say " I took a hard math test last week".

I hate people who do not say their age when you ask them. Instead they say " I'll be 21 in six months" Why don't you just say your 20.

I hate how people refer to their parents as mama and daddy. For example, they say " Mama was mad at me." Their mom is not my mom, they should say "My mama is mad at me."

I hate people who walk in the rain with their umbrella closed, and people who are always worried about what the weather will be like next week.

When you ask someone if a movie was good or bad, they have to tell you all about it. Why don't they just say if it is good or bad?

I hate people that are always asking others to do something for them, when they could get it done faster by just doing it.

I hate when people tell you what it was like when they were that age. These people need to realize that times have changed and so has the fashion.

The thing I hate the most is people who try to talk in slang, and they are not current on slang words.

For example I know a guy named Chuck that says "groovy", instead of cool, or that is "phat".

Send me an e-mail and tell me what is the dumbest thing you have heard or seen. The winner will get a prize. hel1290@nsula.edu.

Features

Creatine Works, but Could be Dangerous in High Heat

David E. Sullivan
Health Columnist

Look mom, no steroids. It's Creatine, the latest fad in workout energizers that has all the athlete's attention. Creatine monohydrate is a dietary supplement intended to add more work output, more muscle power, and a better recovery for fitness training. It comes in forms ranging from pills to powder.

The suggested consumption for the powder is, "one five gram scoop, two or three times a day, preferably mixed with a liquid." Suggested use for the pills are as follows. "Step1: seven pills, (five grams total) four times a day, for five days. Step 2: for Creatine maintenance take seven pills a day, preferably with grape or apple juice. Step 3: repeat step one after 90 days." This process is called "loading."

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Creatine's popularity has grown rapidly in the last several years.

Jim Feijo, the founder of Daniel Chapter One and World Sports Nutrition, does not think Creatine is safe. He lectured on the dangers of it during the Big New England Football Clinic held from March six through the seventh, at the Doubletree Hotel in Newport, R.I.

"Creatine increases energy during the anaerobic phase, but poses a greater danger to athletes," Feijo explained. He went on to tell of how it increases ATP during anaerobic activity, and as a reverse diuretic, Creatine builds mass by retaining body fluids. He attributed this to three recent cases where college wrestlers used Creatine to enhance performance. "

Their muscle cells literally boiled within their bodies causing death," Feijo said.

On the bright side Feijo said, "it is unlikely that Creatine could kill athletes in the colder climates, but there would be real danger during spring training camps or performing in hot weather. In those conditions athletes on Creatine are at serious risk of heat stroke and dehydration."

The last time I checked, the temperature was over 100 degrees at high noon in Natchitoches.

March for Jesus: A Choir of Millions for an Audience of One

Becky Shumake
Staff Writer

On Saturday, May 30, over 800 people assembled on the Northwestern campus to participate in the second annual March for Jesus.

March for Jesus is a world-wide celebration that involves more than 177 nations and 700 U. S. cities. The march brings together over 10 million people uniting for one purpose: to glorify the name of Jesus.

The Natchitoches March for Jesus was one of over 30 marches held in Louisiana. Over 60 local churches participated in this year's event.

Curt Pfifer, associate professor of biology at the Louisiana Scholar's College, worked with the community and local churches to make the Natchitoches March for Jesus a success.

"The ultimate goal of the March for Jesus is to praise Jesus and lift his name. Secondly, the march promotes unity between people of different races, nations and denominations," Pfifer said.

March for Jesus is the largest global street event in history. The march allows Christians to break down the walls of race and denomination and learn to live a life of praise and prayer.

March for Jesus has a different emphasis each year. At this year's march, prayers were lifted for persecuted churches around the world, specifically churches in China. In China, open displays of religion can result in death or imprisonment.

Pfifer says the theme is a "common focus around the world." March for Jesus times are set up according to time zones. The result of this is a day of constant prayer and thanksgiving between all Christian churches.

The march also provides Christians with a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with people outside the church walls. "The impact of this year's march is best seen by the ten people who excepted Christ as their Savior while at the march. If it brought one person to Christ it was worthwhile," Pfifer said.

Stacy Newman, a sophomore elementary education major said, "The March for Jesus was an awesome opportunity to unite with Christians from all different walks of life with one central purpose and that was to lift praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. As one speaker said, it was 'a taste of heaven.'"

March for Jesus is set up according to Pentecost Sunday. Additional March for Jesus events will be held until the year 2000. The goal of the 2000 march is to "make the love of Jesus inescapable for a day." The dates for upcoming marches are May 22, 1999, and June 10, 2000.

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X-Files Theme Not Out of this World

Mike Boyd
Staff Writer

X-Files Soundtrack

Everyone knows that the summer brings blockbuster movies and along with big movies come big soundtracks. Remember, though, that when dealing with anything about the X-Files, the first rule is: "Trust no one."

Filter delivers their dark and distorted remake of the old Three Dog Night song "One". The song swings back and forth between self-loathing murmurs and all out rages with no middle ground at all. If you had to ask who Three Dog Night is, though, then you'll probably enjoy Filter's interpretation of their music.

The Foo Fighters spin out a quiet and melancholy ballad entitled "Walking After You". While it doesn't really fit with the rest of the music on the soundtrack, it is still one of the best tracks on the album.

Ween does a great job capturing the spirit and theme of the X-Files with their upbeat and slightly catchy tune "Beacon Light".

Sting's contribution to the album is a horrible psuedo-reggae song called "Invisible Sun". Let us all pray that the radio stations don't get their hands on this one.

The Cardigans offer a thankful departure from their usual too-happy music with the noir retro-pop track "Duece", which sounds something like what would happen if Portishead had been around in the 70's.

I'm not a big Cure fan so I was surprised that their song "More Than This" was one of the few on the album that I loved. It was also one of the few that really seemed to go along with the mood of the X-Files: dark and mysterious.

The only track on the album that really put a smile on my face, though, was the Dust Brothers remix of the X-Files Theme and the hidden track that follows it. These alone made the soundtrack worth buying. Almost.

Carrey O.K.

Amy Haney
Staff Writer

The Truman Show

The Truman Show is a movie that has something for everyone.

Jim Carrey plays the part of Truman Burbank, a fellow who was adopted at birth by the OmniCam Corporation and raised by actors in the sound stage town of Seahaven on live television. Even the moon Truman sees is artificial, housing the control room of the television series and Christof (Ed Harris), the brain behind the program.

Truman begins to question his reality when, on the way to work one day, he accidentally tunes his radio in to a conversation going on among some crew members. Truman's suspicions mount as evidence of a conspiracy becomes obvious, and he spends the rest of the movie trying to escape from Seahaven. His every effort is blocked by well orchestrated distractions at the direction of Christof.

This movie can be as shallow or as deep as you want it to be. Carrey is goofy enough to keep the attention a of a young audience, but the movie also draws many interesting intellectual parallels. The artificial town of Seahaven is a frightening mirror of every suburbanite town with Truman reflecting the experiences of many people who have similar frustrations.

Christof's relationship with Truman darkly mirrors God's relationship to man with Seahven serving as a replica of Eden. Christof doesn't believe that Truman wants to leave Seahaven, telling him that no place on earth is really any different or better, that Seahaven is safe and Truman will always be cared for there. Truman wants to find out for himself, however, and ultimately breaks away.

Besides the unsettling aspects of this film, many clever little elements are very entertaining, such as the way the advertisements in the show are worked into conversations Truman's wife has with him. Also, the viewing audience satirizes the American attention span and media gluttony.

The Truman Show is an entertaining and thought provoking movie See it. -

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Bran Van 3000 Creates

Sean Woods
Staff Writer

Bran Van 3000 "Glee"
Audiogram Records

If I were to compare Bran Van 3000 to another band, I don't think any one band could fit their particular style of music. There's maybe a lick of Beastie Boys, but that's about it.

Bran Van is able to meld various influences on this album such as Hip-Hop, Rock, Funk, Rap, Folk and even a little Country. They don't mix it all at once though. Some are sprinkled together or separately throughout the CD.

The various drum loopings are some of the best I've heard in a while, and some of the samples you hear often make you wonder just what the hell they were thinking.

Some of the tracks seem to change from one song to a different one then back again. It's not aggravating because they're able to pull it off smoothly and effectively. The singing alternates between a female vocal who sings (she does a great cover of Quiet Riot's "Cum On Feel The Noize"!) and a male who raps (he's a little too preachy at times.) They share songs by singing together or on their own. The liner notes were not to helpful in identifying as to who these delightful muses were.

Yes, this is one interesting little piece of work by the many members of the Bran Van Collective (There are a listed 33 members, and whether or not they all collaborated on the album somehow is still unbeknownst to me. Kudos to them if they all did.) This is a definite checkout.

Sports

Seven Inducted in Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Seven more athletes will join the ranks of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Saturday night.

Out of a class of 187, Football legends Everson Walls and Warren Braden and John Petitbon along with basketball great Eun Jung Ok, Luke Jackson, golfer Pat Browne and hurdler Billy Hardin will be honored for their athletic achievements at 7 pm.

Walls, A Grambling State standout, finsished 13 years of service in the NFL with 57 interceptions and tops the list of the most prolific defensive backs in pro football history. Walls is the only player to lead the NFL three times in interceptions, in 1981, 1982, and 1985.

His 11 pickoffs as a rookie with the Dallas Cowboys are the most in a season by a NFL player in the past 16 years. The Cowboy saw time in the Pro Bowl four times and set a career record with four interception .

New Orleans native Warren Braden quarterbacked at Southern University earning a 40-4-1 career mark and two national championships while winning All-America Honors.

According to veteran Hall of Famer Eddie Robinson, Braden was sort of a Joe Montana type who could take charge, handle the ball well and was an all around great football player.

When he was not on offense, Braden was a safety on defense, averaging 44 yards a punt, He led Southern to three bowl victories including the first intergrated bowl, the 1948 Fruit Bowl where he received MVP honors.

Jackson left his home in Bastrop for the University of Texas-Pan American, where his no. 54 jersey was retired and hangs in the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. Mass.

Jackson scored 1,858 pooints and grabbed 1,427 with a 54 percent aim. During a game against Western Illinois, his junior year, Jackson had a single game high of 51 points. Leading the Broncs with a record 25-5, the next year he carried the team to a 26-5 record and the national title as a junior.

Jackson later joined the Phildelphia 76er's with Wilt Chamberlain. He was voted Rookie of the Year by his colleagues while Willis Reed was voted Rookie of the Year among the Louisiana Sportswriters Association. In 1967, He aided the 76ers in winning the NBA Championship.

Petitbon particpated on championship teams at the prep, college and pro levels. He contributed to the Jesuit state football title in 1946, played on Notre Dame's 1949 national championship team and was part of the defense of the 1955 title team in Cleveland.

As a Blue Jay Petitbon lead the team to a complete undefeated record in 1946, when Jesuit took state titles in footbal, basketball, and track. He was named state football MVP after running 16 touchdowns, throwing for 12 more and catching two in his career.

He recieved All-American honors at Notre Dame as a sophomore defensive back in 1949. Due to serving in the Korean War, Petitbon made eight career interceptions for the Browns before retiring in 1957.

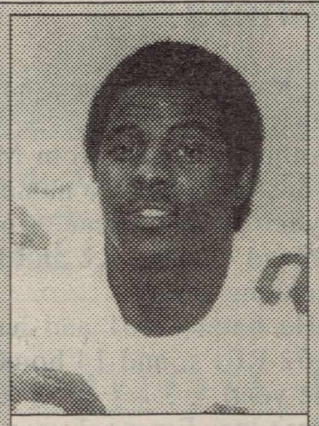
A 21 time winner of the U.S. Blind Golfers Association championship, Pat Browne won the first ever Championship of Blind Golf and has served three times as the captain of the American team.

Before his accident in 1966, Browne captained Tulane University's basketball and golf teams, shooting a single game scoring record with 33 points in 1954. The 64-year old businessman recieved the Ben Hogan Award in 1998.

Eun Jung Ok, who played under the name Eun Jung Lee at Northeast, finished her career with 2,208 points and 878 assists. Ok became known for her flashy ball handling skills, earning an unprecedented four straight Southland Conference Player of the Year awards

Billy Hardinand his father " Slats Hardin, will be the second father-son duo to be entered into the Hall of Fame next to football stars Dub and Bert Jones.

Tickets went on sale in April. Banquet tickets are $20



Everson Walls

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Billy Hardin

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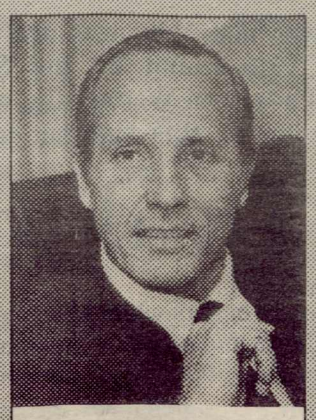
These seven great athletes will be honored at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday June 27 at 7 pm.



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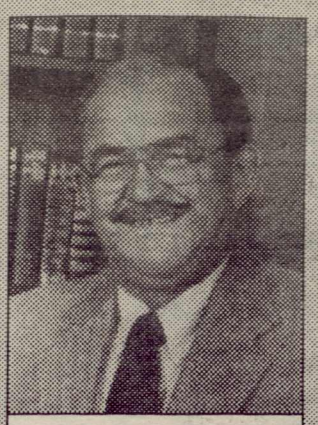

Warren Braden

Sports

Northwestern Has Banner Athletic Year

Bryan Satawa
Staff Writer

The Demons have had a outstanding year in athletics winning four conference championships in football, indoor track, baseball, and women's softball. The year concluded with the Demons winning the Commissioners Cup , the trophy that symbolizes overall excellence in the Southland Conference in athletics.

The football team ,after a shaky 2-3 start, rallied to win six straight games to tie for the conference football title with McNeese. It was their first title in ten years and it earned them a berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

The track team then won their second indoor title in three years led by All-American's Ronnie Powell and long jumper and triple jumper Kenta Bell. Powell had a outstanding season and was named the "Sprinter of the Year" in Louisiana by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

The baseball team as expected won the Southland Conference title again. The Demons had a great season on the diamond but were denied a bid to the NCAA regionals when they lost to Nicholls State in the finals of the conference tournament in Shreveport.

The softball team had a Cinderella season as they not only won the Southland Conference regular season title but also the tournament title as well. They then won a NCAA play-in series against Florida Atlantic and advanced to a NCAA regional for the first time in team history.

The men's and women's basketball teams had good years with the men winning second place in the conference and the women taking fourth place in the final standings. A gut wrenching overtime loss to Northeast in the semi-finals was all that kept the Lady Demons from having a chance to qualify for the NCAA tournament in the finals of the Southland Conference tournament against hated rival Stephen F. Austin.

The Lady Demon soccer team surpassed everybody when they won the conference tournament title in a huge upset. The team who had not won a regular season game in two years and only had one tie during that time swept into the tournament and won their first ever games as a soccer program and won the Southland Conference soccer tournament in Nacogdoches, Texas.

The men's and women's cross country teams both continued to improve and injuries hurt both teams this year as the men finished in last place and the women in fourth place at the conference meet.

The men's golf team struggled in what was a rebuilding year for them after two of their best players transferred. Paul Cullen, however, had a good year placing in the top 15 in a few tournaments last season.

The same could be said for the women's volleyball and tennis teams as they both struggled early but finished up strong at the end and look to be both building on what could be break through years for both programs this year.

Overall, it will be hard for Northwestern to repeat this past years performance but I myself a Die Hard Demon Fan would not count us out of the running for anything this year. All of our coaches should be commended for jobs well done and we look forward to more wins and conference championships this year from all of our athletic programs.

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Athletic Director Greg Burke and President Dr. Randall Webb accept the Commisioner's Cup.

Anholt and Lawrence Gain First Team All Louisiana Honors

Bryan Satawa
Staff Writer

Pitcher Brian Lawerence and shortstop Ryan Anholt were named on Friday to the All-Louisiana baseball team.

Lawrence, a senior from Lindon, Texas had a outstanding year as the ace of the Demons staff with a 9-4 record, 2.95 ERA, and 100 strikeouts on the season.

Lawerence, who was drafted in the 17th round by the San Diego Padres on Wednesday will be moving on this summer to a minor league assignment as soon as he signs a contract.

Anholt a junior from Moose Jaw, Saskat was also named the "Player of the Year" in the Southland Conference and had a outstanding season.

He batted .401 and had 77 hits, 62 RBI's, and 14 homeruns on the year.

Brandon Emanuel was also named to the squad as a second team pick. Emanuel also had a outstanding season going 5-1 with 8 saves and 47 strikeouts as the relieving ace for the Demon bullpen.

Emanuel Signs Six-Year Deal with Angels

Bryan Satawa
Staff Writer

Brandon Emanuel who was chosen in the second round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Angels, signed a six year contract with the American League club.

Emanuel was the first player picked up in the draft from Louisiana, and the 61st player chosen overall in the draft. The 6-2 right-hander signed the contract last week and reported to the Angels' Class A affiliate in Boise, Idaho.

Emanuel posted a 5-1 record and had 8 saves this season. He also posted a team leading ERA of 2.15 and struck out 52 batters while walking only 18 in 62 innings of work, coming out of the bullpen as the Demons closer.

It was only his second season in collegiate baseball and the first were he did not split time between spring football and baseball.

Emanuel was also the backup quarterback on the football team which also won a Southland Conference last season thanks to Emanuel's career best day as a Demon when he threw for 288 yards in the 38-24 title clinching win over Stephen F. Austin on November 20th of last year.

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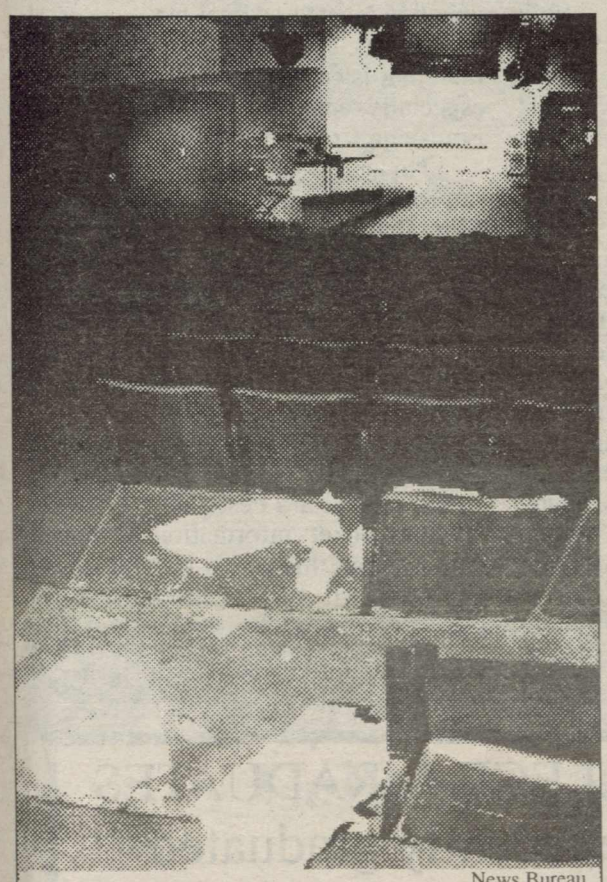
Asbestos found in Kyser Hall



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Studio A is rendered useless until the asbestos ceiling coating is abated.

Philip Wise
Editor-in-Chief

Asbestos was discovered June 29 in Studio A of Kyser Hall, the area where News 22 is produced, teleconferences are held and classes are sometimes taught.

Scott Hawthorne, the university's Environmental Safety Officer, was called in to inspect a hole that had been discovered in the studio's ceiling. A three-foot section of the outer coating of the ceiling had fallen, discharging debris onto the seating area below. Hawthorne quickly rendered the studio inoperative.

"This incident falls in line with our asbestos management plan and operation. When any form deteriorates, it is abated," Hawthorne said.

Immediate action was taken by the university in order to prevent the possibility of people coming into contact with the asbestos. The locks were changed the day after the hole was discovered. Plastic curtains sealed the room containing the dust from the loosened plaster above, and no one was allowed in the studio until it could be further inspected.

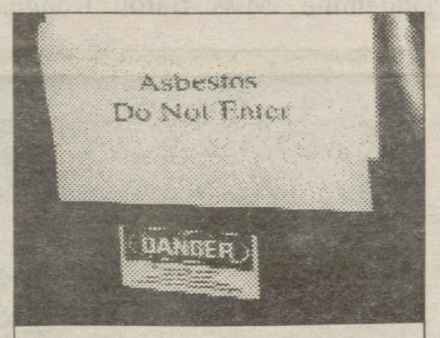
Hawthorne said that work to abate the asbestos in Studio A will begin ten days after a contract is awarded. If everything goes as planned, the operation is expected to last between 40 to 45 days.

Asbestos is considered to be harmless until it is physically disturbed, which allows bits and pieces of the substance to become a dust which can be inhaled or ingested.

"Students and faculty were not at risk, because the particles were not floating," David Antilley, Director/Producer of Journalism, said. "In the past, people were diagnosed with asbestos-related cancers because they did not know the long term effect from hours and hours of exposure from their jobs."

The air quality in the studio was determined to have safe levels, therfore people who by Act 790 of 1988, the Louisiana Legislature directed the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to regulate asbestos-containing materials in all schools (kindergarten to post-graduate) and state buildings. School authorities and the state must inspect their facilities for the presence of asbestos, determine its condition, take appropriate action to minimize the hazards and conduct periodic inspections.

These facilities must maintain records of their asbestos-related activities as part of their management plans. Also, parents, maintenance personnel and building occupants are to be routinely made aware of asbestos hazards.



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Signs were posted on door to warn people of the possible hazard.

Demon Coach heads to Goodwill Games

David E. Sullivan
Staff Writer

University alumnus Lamark Carter won the triple jump competition in the U.S. National Outdoor Championships two weeks ago. He is now on his way to the GoodWill Games.

"I went in this competition very confident, very ready, relaxed, not injured, and it happened, the 57:2, and...I thank God," Carter said.

The distance of 57 feet and 2 inches is how far 27-year-old assistant track coach at NSU jumped in New Orleans at the competition.

Carter has been winning in the top three for the whole year up until this victory, which is currently the longest jump in the world.

"I long-jump occasionally, but this year I'm just going to concentrate on the triple jump," Carter remarked about his involvement in the GoodWill Games.

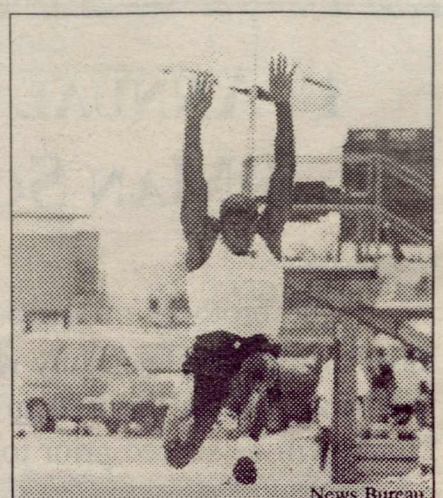
Carter arrived in Rome yesterday, where he will be "tuning up" for the event before flying to New York on the 21st for the GoodWill Games.

Carter is also striving towards competing in the Olympics. "I have to wait until 2000 for the trials, but this is a great stepping stone toward that goal," Carter said.

Carter grew up in Shreveport, where he attended Captain Shreve High school. His wife's name is Crystal, and they have a four-year-old son named Kaymin.

"Not only am I jumping because I enjoy it, but I'm jumping for a reason; I'm jumping for my family. That inspires me," Carter confessed.

His goal for this year is to break the triple jump world record.



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LaMark Carter make a stop at the NSU Invitational while on his way to the Goodwill Games

News

Six Win Honors at Miss Louisiana Pageant

Farrah Reyna
Contributing Writer

Six students won honors at the 1998 Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Northwestern was represented in Monroe last month by three students finishing in the Top 10; Casey Jo Crowder of Shreveport, Miss Bossier Parish, was second runner-up winning $3500 in scholarships. Farrah Reyna of Rosepine, Miss Central Louisiana, was third runner-up winning $3000 in scholarships. Miss Natchitoches City of Lights, Shelley Colvin of Winnfield, made the Top10.

Winning other awards and scholarships were Jamie Freeman of Plaquemine, Miss Baton Rouge, who was Miss Congeniality, a preliminary talent winner and non-finalist talent winner.

Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, Rebecca Dauzat of Marksville, was a non-finalist talent winner. Jana Harrod of Rosepine, Miss Days in the Park, was the winner of the People's Choice Award.

Miss Louisiana Pageant is held every June in Monroe. Miss Louisiana gives over $40,000 in scholarships to ladies in the state.

Heather Dupree of Baton Rouge, Miss Louisiana Lagniappe, was crowned Miss Louisiana. She will represent the state at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in September.

Folk Festival Underway in Two Weeks

Lesa Thompson
Staff Writer

It's time again for the Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival to kick into gear at Prather Coliseum. This year's theme is "Celebrating Louisiana's Creoles: Their Communities and Culture." The Festival will take place on July 17 & 18.

Creole communities and organizations from across the state will provide special exhibits depicting the Creole way of life, including a wide variety of crafts and Mardi Gras costumes. One such costume is similar to those worn by the famous New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians, like the Wild Tchoupitoulas and other such groups, who pay tribute to the many Native Americans that helped numerous Southern slaves escape to freedom.

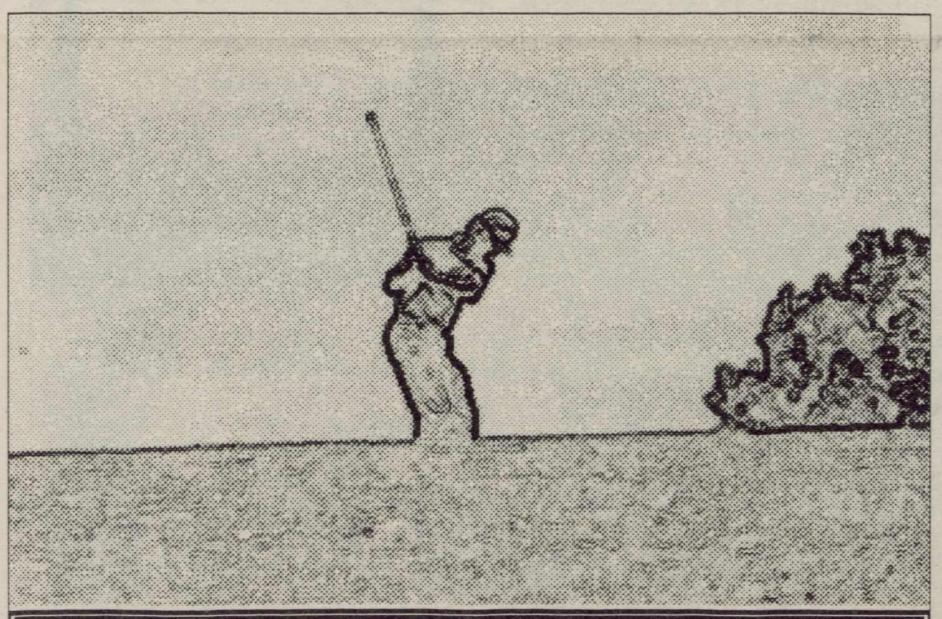
Many of the costumes were designed by Wilda Boutte, a Mardi Gras costume maker for over 35 years. Boutte's and others' exhibits are slated to become a permanent part of the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center, which is located on campus.

This year's Festival food will be a treat that is certainly not to be missed, especially enhanced with this year's Louisiana Creole theme.

This year's music will be an improtant element of the Festival. More than 20 dance groups, including the largest group of zydeco musicians ever booked at the Festival, will perform. Country, bluegrass, folk, blues and Cajun music will also be represented on the three performance stages.

Over 20,000 people are expected to make their way to Northwestern to attend this year's Festival.

For ticket information or more details about this year's Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival, contact the Louisiana Folk Festival at 357-4332.



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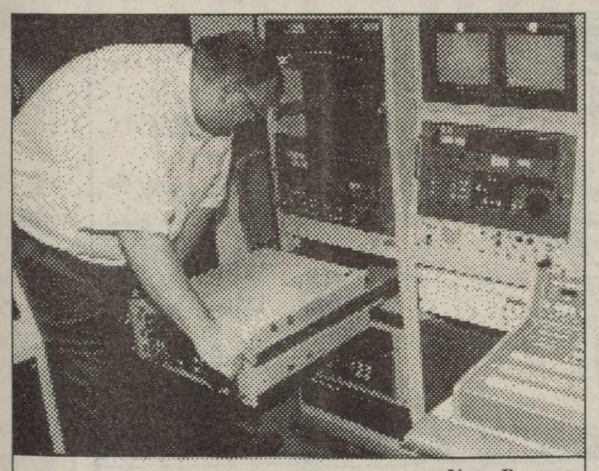
News

Abestos will not Hinder Studio A Usage in Fall



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David Antilley, Producer/Director for Journalism, removes equipment to prepare for the shutdown of Studio A's control room.

Sean Woods
Staff Writer

Studio A's asbestos fallout will most likely not delay classes and News 22 programming in the Fall.

The studio will be back on-line in 40 to 45 days, according to Roy Davis, Chief Engineer for News 22.

"As long as nothing unfortunate happens, our first newscast will not be delayed in September," Davis said.

On Monday, June 29, it was discovered that pieces of the studio's ceiling had fallen down and contained asbestos material.

"The journalism department had just gotten back equipment [for the studio] from being fixed, then this incident occurred a couple of days later," David Antilley, Producer/Director for Journalism, said."The cameras and the editing equipment have to be stored in Studio B for now."

Earlier thoughts as to when the clean-up would be completed were estimated between five and 10 months because of a similar mishap with Studio B three years ago.

The reason for that long cleanup was due to red tape and structural factors such as spray-on insulation, which was more difficult to clean.

Studio A, which is located in Kyser Hall, is a focal point for the Department of Journalism because the production of News 22 takes place inside.

"Our Studio A is in fact our lab," said Dr. Ron McBride, head of the journalism department. "If we're not able to have a newscast, then obviously it's going to take its toll."

Complete tours can't be given at the moment to prospective journalism students because the studio is the flagship of the whole department, according to McBride.

About six classes take place in the studio including several that work hand in hand with News 22, including public relations and Journalism 2010. Directing and production classes would have had to be relocated, and there is, at present, no other areas available for these classes to take place.

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Our View

Just when the university environment seems safe and sound, the ceiling begins to crumble and comes tumbling down around us--literally. And this is no ordinary ceiling; it is one filled with millions of particles, 700 times finer than a strand of human hair, known as asbestos. No one is immune to the ill effects of these particles floating around in an invisible and dangerous cloud.

Recently asbestos was discovered in the primary broadcasting studio for Northwestern, Studio A, located in Kyser Hall. For eight years, both broadcasting students and professors alike studied and worked in the facility unaware of the potential threat lurking overhead.

We, the Current Sauce staff have been at this university for a few years, some longer than others, and this is one of the most serious problems we have witnessed.

The problem that the ceiling contains asbestos concerns us, but the fact that we and many others knew nothing of the potential threat concerns us more. We feel that Northwestern's officials have neglected their obligation to the students and employees by not informing us of such hazards.

Asbestos is a harmful fiber that should not be taken lightly. The individual fibers of asbestos are so tiny that they can float in the air for hours, sometime even days. Asbestos is harmless until it is disturbed, allowing bits and pieces to become a dust which is swept around by even the slightest movement.

Contact with asbestos is not fatal outright, but continuous contact may cause problems to occur. Once the human body inhales or ingests the harmful asbestos dust, it cannot expel the particles. The minute fibers buildup in the lungs and soft body tissues where they can cause disease. There are three primary diseases associated with asbestos exposure; Asbestosis, Lung Cancer, and Mesothelioma.

The best way to avoid asbestos-associated problems is to be educated of where the substance is located. Knowledge of its existence and how to limit contact with the items that contain asbestos is the first line of defense necessary to ensure a healthy work and study environment.

The only problem is that we could not know where the asbestos is located until the university provides us with this knowledge that we need in order to avoid such hazards.

The university fell short, because officials did not inform the students and most employees of the location of the asbestos and what should be done when it is encountered. By making people aware of the asbestos, university officials will limit dangerous contact for the entire staff and student body of Northwestern.

We hope the university will take better care of our health in the future.

DAN'S PLAN

It's your life, live it my way

Reproduction should be left to those who best qualify

Are you genetically sound? If I ran this country, you would be. That's because I have a plan, or at least an idea, that I'd like to see implemented nationwide...and then we'll take it to the international level.

What's bothering me is the fact that it seems as though everybody feels like having a baby (I prefer to call it breeding) is a right that they have.

Allow me to set the record straight. Breeding isn't a right; it's a privilege. And if people don't have the means (either financial, mental, emotional or otherwise) to take care of the children that they produce, then all they're doing is ensuring that our society continues on its downward spiral.

I think there should be some kind of a test that would-be parents would have to pass before they would be allowed to reproduce. It makes sense, doesn't it? If you need a license to catch a fish or drive a car, then you should have a license that shows you are capable of raising healthy, stable and viable human beings. That's just the way it is.

Now, I know this sounds harsh. But the simple fact of the matter is that the world is already overpopulated as it is, and we need to do something logical to solve the problem. Why not limit reproduction to those who deserve the privilege most?

Features

Fontenot Deals with Tragedy

Melissa Peveto
News Bureau

When Kevin Fontenot of Tioga graduated from Northwestern State University in May it was a day he never thought he would see. Receiving his diploma from a wheelchair was also a day he never imagined seeing either.

The 29-year old Fontenot, while attending NSU, was severely injured in a one car accident in the Spring of 1994. That wreck left him paralyzed from the chest down.

"It was the last week of school before finals when it happened," Fontenot said. "I was having the best semester I had ever had at NSU. I worked so hard to get A's and B's and they weren't easy courses I was taking. I had 16 hours and was enrolled in comparative anatomy, biometry, plant taxonomy, genetics and all the labs that go along with those courses."

In a matter of moments, the world he had known came crashing down.

The accident on Highway 504, about two miles from campus, caused his truck to overturn. He broke two vertebrae in his neck, three in his back, lost a kidney, his spleen and a rib.

He was airlifted to a Shreveport hospital where he spent a month in the Surgery Intensive Care Unit. He underwent 11 surgeries in 28 days to repair and remove organs. He was transferred to a nearby rehabilitation hospital where he spent five months in physical therapy.

Once he was well enough to go home, be received home health care and physical therapy for close to a year.

"I don't remember anything about the accident," Fontenot said. "About the only thing I recall from that day is one of my biology professors, Dr. Dean, downloading some computer programs for me. I also vividly remember buying a calculator for class that day too. I can't recall anything for the first month after that though."

One year later, Kevin made an attempt to return to Northwestern. "I bit off more than I could chew," he said. "I was going to come back and tear the world down. It didn't work that way. I had to learn how to live all over again."

Fontenot's struggle in learning to live in a new environment came when he attempted to communicate with people on campus. "I was just so lost and didn't know how to tell people what I needed or wanted. I had to try to knock down barriers that had not previously been present for me."

Ironically, Fontenot had practice with handicapped issues at NSU long before his accident.

Two years earlier his best friend, Bill Britt, broke a vertebrae and was paralyzed from the waist down during a hunting accident near Baton Rouge. "The deer stand he was in broke and he fell out of it and onto the ground."

Britt was an offensive guard for the Demon football team and a wildlife management major, like Fontenot. The two often turkey hunted together.

"When he returned to NSU after the accident, I would take Bill to class and then once we were through I would just load his wheelchair in the back of my truck. It was easier for him to get to class that way."

Fontenot was at his buddy's side from the time the accident happened. "In some respects his accident taught me a lot," Fontenot said. "In other ways, I have been disappointed." The blow that Britt took paralyzed him from the waist down. "He has full control of his upper body and I don't. He can do so much more than I can. For instance, he can still pull back his compound bow and I can't."

Still, Fontenot is thankful for the things he can do, things doctors said he never would accomplish. "After Bill had his accident, I would go to his house and visit him. He would be in his recliner and I would walk to his wheelchair and sit in it. I always told him that I needed something as comfortable as the cushion in his chair to sit on. I never thought I would one day hove one of my own."

Even though the blueprint of Fontenot's life thus far may not have been drawn exactly as he would have preferred it, he has dealt with the changes. "I have only let it change me as much as I have had to. I was never a patient person, now I have learned how to have only as much patience as necessary to get by."

He has learned to rely on family and friends.

"I have had excellent support from my family and friends and from people here at Northwestern. There is no way I would have made it without all of the people pushing me. So many people wanted to see me graduate."

He credits NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, ADA Coordinator Steve Hicks, Dr. Martin Rudd and Dr. Gillian Rudd for the amazing strides the four accomplished when it came to handicapped accommodations for himself and so many like him.

"There is no way you can understand the barriers of a handicapped individual unless you are one, but at least NSU, once they were aware of things, made the necessary changes. It is good to know the administration is listening and that they are helping handicapped people."

After 11 years and many obstacles, Fontenot's to do list now has a check beside the words college graduation. He now begins the journey of locating his ideal job as a wildlife biologist.

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News-worthy

Sean Woods
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Newsboys
"Step Up To The Microphone"
Star Song/Virgin Records

The Newsboys 'ay? According to their stats, I should know who these guys are. They've been around for ten years, had two gold albums, held a concert in '97 with over 900,000 fans in attendance, and numerous Grammy nominations. But many of you, like myself, haven't heard of them before.

The sound of the Newsboys ranges from rock, pop and even a little hip-hop. The return of pop seems to be the new trend here in the late '90s, so the Newsboys follow suit with the same formula. They do it effectively with guitars and synths so it doesn't sound Spice Girl or Hanson-ish.

Peter Furler steps out from behind the drums for the first time to take the mike as the lead singer. Furler's singing is easy and calm on the ears. His voice stands on its own when compared to other singers.

The Newsboys sound like they're having a good time singing about God, angels and life (yep, they're Christian pop-rockers), so if you're into that category of music, then you might find something for yourself here. And it's catchy enough to garner non-Christian support as well.•

X-Files: Fight the Future

Amy Haney
Staff Writer

The X-Files, the television show cherished for being original, tries very hard to turn into a typical summer movie in its first big screen endeavor.

The movie begins with some young boys in Texas having a nasty run-in with a substance known as the "black oil," a familiar aspect to those of us who are regular watchers.

Shortly afterward, Mulder (David Duchovny) and Scully (Gillian Anderson) are on a real FBI assignment involving explosives and other real-live FBI agents. It takes about two seconds for Mulder to stumble into something he's not supposed to know.

Now, I don't want to get specific about the movie if you haven't seen it, so I'll just say that the show turns into an extended episode of the X-Files, revealing the purpose of the "black oil," the vehicle by which it will be spread and threatening to separate Mulder and Scully, of course.

What bothered me the most were the inconsistencies in the movie. Faithful viewers know that bees have previously made appearances as carriers of smallpox.

Well, now the bees are carrying the black oil, which has mutated, but you never know if the black oil has mutated into something more sinister or if it was just this isolated batch. Also, these lethal bees are released every night to gather pollen from crops outside where they could just end up anywhere, which they naturally do; not a brilliant move on the part of the scientists.

The biggest letdown of the movie was the climax. Oh, it was very dramatic and on a grand scale, but it was ridiculous to me. Mulder creeps aboard this mysterious, underground production where all the black oil victims are being kept, and by injecting one victim with a vaccine, this whole enormous unit goes into upheaval. Instantly aliens are thawing out left and right, the Smoking Man and his posse are evacuating like mad and Mulder is escaping with a half-frozen woman who, moments ago, was paralyzed by the oil but now is performing acrobatic feats worthy of Olympic competition.

I really wanted to be blown away by this movie, but sadly, I have to say, that if you are a loyal viewer, you will probably be disappointed, and if you aren't, you won't know what the hell is going on. There, I've said it.

I have to go get this bee sting checked out now.•

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Sports

Demons play USL instead

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Instead of a confrontation with Southern Mississippi, Northwestern State rearranged their schedule to play in state Division 1-A rival Southwestern Louisiana.

Northwestern will head to Lafayette to play USL Saturday December 12, the day the Demons would face Liberty Bowl Champion Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

A game between Southern Mississippi has been set back until 1999 or the turn of the century.

"This is a tremendous move for us, in that we add a game against a longtime in-state rival and maintain our contract to play Southern Mississippi in the near future," Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

""Our coaches and players are going to be excited about playing USL," Burke continued. "We have several players from the Acadiana area and we like to recruit there. The travel will be much easier for us. It is still a game against a I-A team and it will be a big challenge for us"

The Demons keep an 11-game schedule, including an Oct 3 game against nationally ranked Division I-A match-up with Missouri of the Big 12 Conference.

The USL-NSU game will likely begin at 7 pm. It will be the first meeting between these two teams since 1987 and the 73rd overall game with USL leading the grudge match 35-33-4.

USL will play Southern Mississippi on Sept. 26, taking the Demons spot on Golden Eagles Schedule.

"Northwestern w ill remain on the Southern Miss schedule at a date to be determined, either 1999 or 2000,"

Former Demons named to Texas-Louisiana team

Terry Kilgore
Manager Editor

Two former Northwestern State baseball players, Kyle Shade and Robert Hewes, have been named to the Texas-Louisiana League All-Star team as representatives of the Alexandria Aces.

Shade and Hewes are two of eight members of the Aces picked for the team. Other Aces include pitchers Russel Reeder and Ron Caridad, catcher Cory Gafford, infielders John O'Brien and Marvin Cole and designated hitter Malvin Matos.

Shade played for Northwestern in 1992 and '93. He holds the record for career batting average and the single season record for doubles and held the single season record for base hits until broken by Ryan Anholt last year.

Hewes played for the Demons for two years, 1996 and '97. He was named to the All-Louisiana team and the All-Southland Conference team while at Northwestern. He still places in the top ten in 16 career offensive categories and holds the Northwestern career record for walks.

Alexandria manager Stan Cliburn was picked to manage the team, which will play the All-Star game on July 13 in Amarillo, Texas.

1998 Northwestern State Demon Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 5	Southern University	Natchitoches, LA	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Henderson State	Natchitoches, LA	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	*Southwest Texas State	San Marcos, TX	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Missouri	Columbia, MO	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	Open		
Oct. 15	*McNeese State (televised)	Natchitoches, LA	2 p.m.
Oct. 24	Nicholls State	Thibodeaux	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Troy State-Homecoming	Natchitoches, LA	1 p.m
Nov. 7	*Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, AL	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*Sam Houston State	Natchitoches, LA	2 p.m
Nov. 21	*Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX	2 p.m.

*-Southland Football League conference game
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Sports

Seven athletes honored

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Everson Walls and Eun Jung Lee Ok headlined the seven new inductees into the 1998 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame that was enshrined at the Student Union Ballroom at NSU last weekend.

Walls, a former All-Pro cornerback with the Dallas Cowboys, and Lee Ok, an All-American women's hoopster at Northeast, were the most recognizable names included in the group.

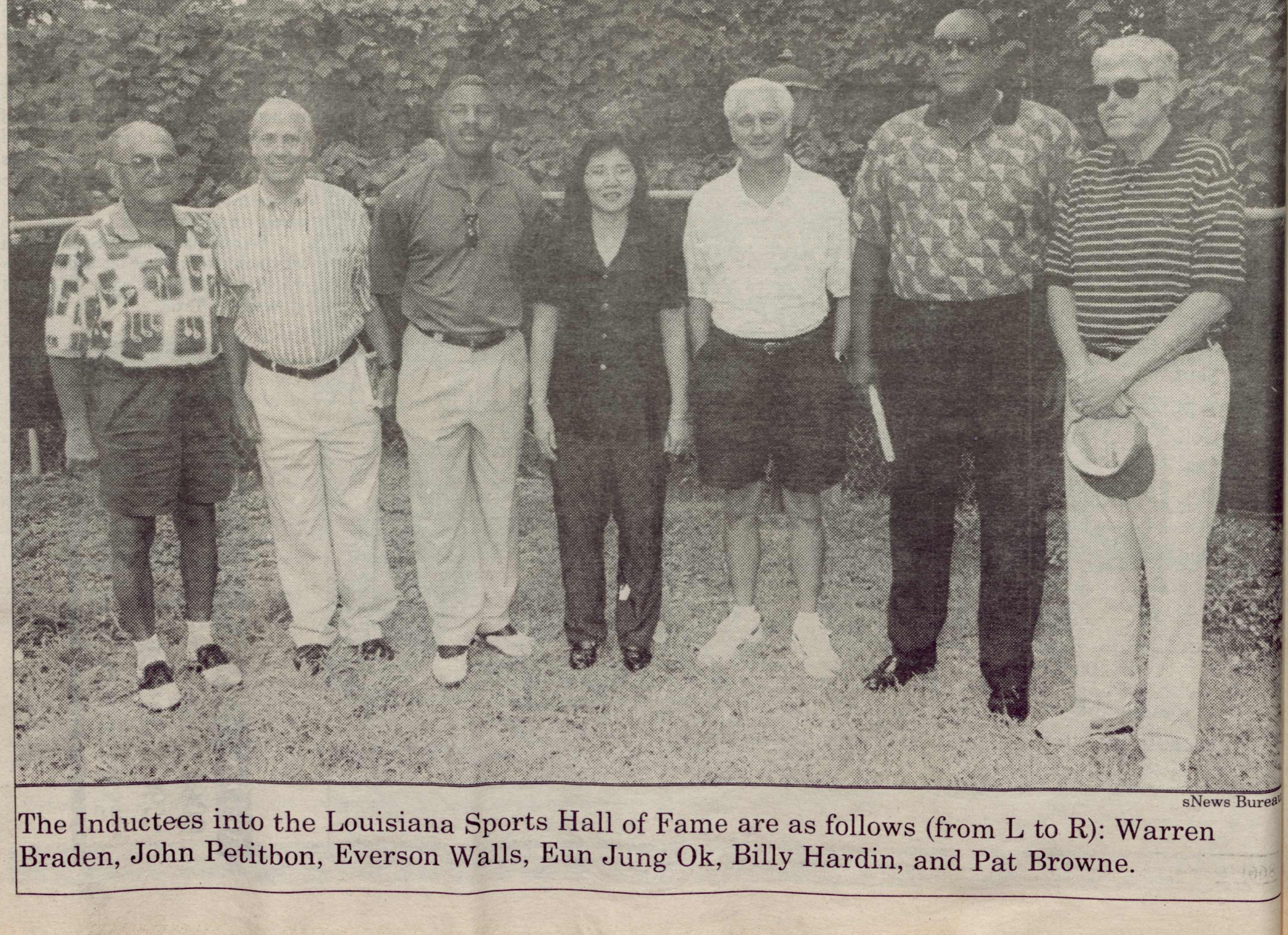
Other members of the prestigious group to make the Hall include Warren Braden, an All-American football player at Southern University; Billy Hardin, an All-American track performer at LSU and a member of the 1964 US Olympic team; and John Petitbon, a Jesuit High football star who went on to win a national championship with Notre Dame.

Also included in the group was Bastrop great Lucius "Luke" Jackson, an NBA All-Star with the Philadelphia 76er's; and Pat Browne Jr., winner of 21 blind golfing championships.

Festivities for the weekend included a reception for the inductees on Friday night which was held at the Ryder Inn. A press conference was held Saturday morning at the Natchitoches Country Club, which was followed by the Hall of Fame Classic scramble golf tournament.

A reception and a tour of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was held at Prather Coliseum Saturday afternoon at 5:30 and the induction banquet followed at 7 p.m.

Among the previously inducted Hall of Fame members to attend the festivities included former Grambling legendary head coach Eddie Robinson, the winningest college football coach of all time, and local sports heroes Charlie Tolar, Walter Ledet and Bobby Lowther.



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The Inductees into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame are as follows (from L to R): Warren Braden, John Petitbon, Everson Walls, Eun Jung Ok, Billy Hardin, and Pat Browne.

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Web & phone registration easy

New program big improvement over old method

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

Telephone and Internet egistration programs instituted ast spring have been used eavily this fall, according to ean of Graduate Affairs, r. Anthony Sheffler.

"As with any technology, we xperienced some initial ifficulties," Dr. Sheffler said. Now, however, problems are ractically non-existent."

The system has been so uccessful, the University is onsidering the purchase of a ack-up server for the system. he number of students egistering has been so great hat, at one point, the computer enter received a warning message that the telephone egistration system was verheating.

While many students are atisfied with the system, some re still experiencing difficulties. However, Sheffler said that problems usually result from inaccurate information or account holds.

While the computer center is responsible for the operation of the system, it is the registrar's office that is responsible for the actual student data and it is important that this information is accurate.

Telephone and web registration allows students to avoid much of the chaos of registering on campus, but it has drawbacks.

If the network is not functioning, then the telephone registration systems will not function either. Earlier this week, the system slowed when fee payment began, but according to Sheffler, the problem was within the software, and the vender has since fixed the error.

The computer center is asking that, during fee payment, students limit using e-mail, as this ties up the modems for extended periods of time, preventing other students from registering. To address this situation, the computer center is sending out messages to individuals who have been using e-mail for extended periods of time. System technicians are also monitoring use of the system, and abusive persons may actually be logged off.

"Thus far we haven't gone down or had a major problem," Warren Massia, associate director of the system, monitors volume of use, said. "We have a team that keeps the system running. The network administrator is monitoring the overall system. We have a system technician at Prather Coliseum to monitor the system at fee payment. The associate director is continually monitoring excess use of the system and in severe cases logging off users. Another technician is monitoring the telephone and web registration. We also have one user support technician in the field to resolve problems that the faculty are having. Right now we have 244 users on the system. I can go in and see who they are and what they are doing. If the computer shows that they are simply using email and have been for some time, I can log them off."

Massia cannot see passwords or read e-mail, so students need not be concerned with an invasion of privacy.

The next goal for the new system is to add a financial aid section to the new registration system, so that students will be able to get all of their information without having to visit the office. Students who have had problems registering should be aware that there are a limited number of lines coming in to the University. The computer center only has so many available lines, and that availability has been exhausted. The center has a total of 32 modems which are scheduled to be replaced with high technology, commercial grade modems. This will make the system faster once the student is actually in, but the problem of getting in will still come back to a limited number of lines.

Recent improvements to the system include the hiring of a network administrator, Tracy Brown, who is paid entirely by student technology fees. Brown's expertise has been used to replace the control node and main router of the system. All the information that comes into the network is directed by this equipment,, which is similar to a computerized traffic cop.

Brown has also made numerous beneficial changes to increase reliability and, due to this, will be able in the coming months to also increase the speed of the system.

Students who are encountering problems should contact the computer center.

The center currently has one field support person for computer laboratories, faculty and students. While they are in the process of hiring another support person, it is an overwhelming job.

This eager young student looks through the fall schedule, trying to find classes that fit her schedule. Telephone registration has made this process a lot easier by not having to track down advisors.

Letter of intent works

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

The Registrars office has found the certificate of intent helpful in making the registration process more effective and making classes more available to the students.

According to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell, the letter of intent is a means of keeping classes open to students who need them.

"The purpose is to make sure classes are available for the students who are going to attend NSU," Bell said. "The letter of intent helps us clean up the registration process. It tells us how many students are serious about attending classes that particular semester."

Students who turn in a letter of intent and don't show up for classes could be made responsible for charges of tuition.

At the end of registration, the student's account will be verified to see if they have paid their fees or not. If they have not paid their fees and have not notified the Registrars office that they are not attending classes, then they will be responsible for their fees, according to Bell.

On the other side of the scenario, students who forget to turn in a letter of intent still have time to take care of their business.

"Students who forget to turn in a certificate of intent have 14 school days after the semester begins to turn one in," Bell said. "After that they can be dropped from their classes."

Bell said that plenty of warning is given to the students before they are dropped from their classes.

"We have never gone in and dropped a student from their classes without notifying them with letters and warnings beforehand," Bell explained.

"I think it could be made more convenient for the students," special education major Amy LaPorte said. "It could be made part of the pre-registration process. Your advisor could have it right there when he enters your schedule into the computer. It is easy to forget about it until the last minute. If it benefits the school and the students, then I think it is a good idea. I think it could be easier, though."

Elementary education major Janice P. Ivy echoed LaPorte's comments about how this is a good program.

"I think the letter of intent is a good idea," Ivy said. "There are a lot of students who sign up for classes who aren't really serious about taking them, and it causes students who really need or want the classes to not get them. If you sign a letter of intent, you are serious about taking the classes. Some students just sign up for classes to fill time slots, which causes classes to be full. The letter of intent cuts out a lot of unnecessary dropping and adding."

The letter of intent appears to be working satisfactorily.

Renovations make moving in easier

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, August 19, students began moving into the residence halls to begin the Fall 1998 semester.

Students were assisted on Wednesday, August 19, by representatives from the Office of Student Affairs. On Sunday, President Randall Webb and members of the NSU faculty and staff helped students move their belongings into the dorms.

According to the Office of Auxiliary Services, the total number of students staying in the dorms is approximately the same as last year's total. However, an exact count of the total number of students will not be available until next week.

Students moving into the dormitories will find that a lot of renovations have been done over the summer.

"I am really excited about the renovations and I hope the students will find the rooms comfortable and the repairs successful." Francis Conine, Director of Student Services said.

Most of the renovation work was done in Sabine and Rapides Halls because of the large number of students they house. One of Sabine's biggest changes is the addition of the CAPA wing in North Sabine. The wing will be devoted entirely to Creative and Performing Arts students. The CAPA wing has a computer lab especially formatted for students in the arts. CAPA students will also have access to a studio. The studio will be used as a place to store instruments and supplies and to work on projects.

Students living on campus will now have more access to computer labs. Rapides and Sabine Halls are now equipped with computer labs.

Auxiliary Services is also planning to build additional labs, starting with Boozman.

"We hope that, by the end of the year, all the residence halls will be equipped with computer labs," Conine said.

In addition to the new computer labs, several other renovations were completed over the summer. Repair work was done on all the showers and washrooms. Most of the dorm rooms were repainted and received new furniture.

RA meeting rooms have been added as well as meeting rooms for sorority chapters. Auxiliary Services has plans to begin additional renovations in all the residence halls.

"I hope the students will understand that it is a slow process that involves a lot of time and money. We will complete the work as fast as we can," Conine said.

Ms. Conine also encourages students to come by the Auxiliary Service Office in Room 101 of the Student Union with any suggestions or comments.

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This new student unloads her belongings with the help of her parents as she prepares for a new semester of school. Welcome to Northwestern!

News

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Hole in parking lot filled; traffic returns to normal in Sabine Dormitory lot

Hole was major inconvenience to summer traffic

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

After three months of work, the hole that sat in Sabine Dormitory's parking lot has finally been filled, making way for the renovation of the roads on campus.

A collapsed drainage pipe was the reason for digging the hole in the parking lot.

O.S. Johnson, the contractor hired to fix the hole, installed the pipe along with a new catch basin, so that water would not seep into the ground.

The project would have been finished much quicker, but the continuous lifting of dirt, in order to prevent a dip from being left behind, hindered O.S. Johnson from ending the work.

According to Loran Lindsey, physical plant director, the hole will be paved over.

After working for three months, the total cost for the project was $28,000.

The stretch of road from the speedbump at Bienvenu Hall to the triangle, and from Nesom Nataorium to Dodd Hall will be repaved.

The cost for this project is an estimated $250,000.

This money will be coming from the parking fees paid at fee payments when students get their parking permits for the new year.

"These sections of the road may be closed for a period of time, which will inconvenience students," Lindsey commented.

Also included in the road renovation project is the crosswalk across campus. It will be equipped with ramps for the handicapped.

According to Lindsey, instead of painting the crosswalks, which is what has been done in the past, the crosswalks are going to be bricked instead.

The section of brick by Kyser Hall is also scheduled to be fixed.

Students, staff and faculty alike are going to benefit from the improved road conditions.

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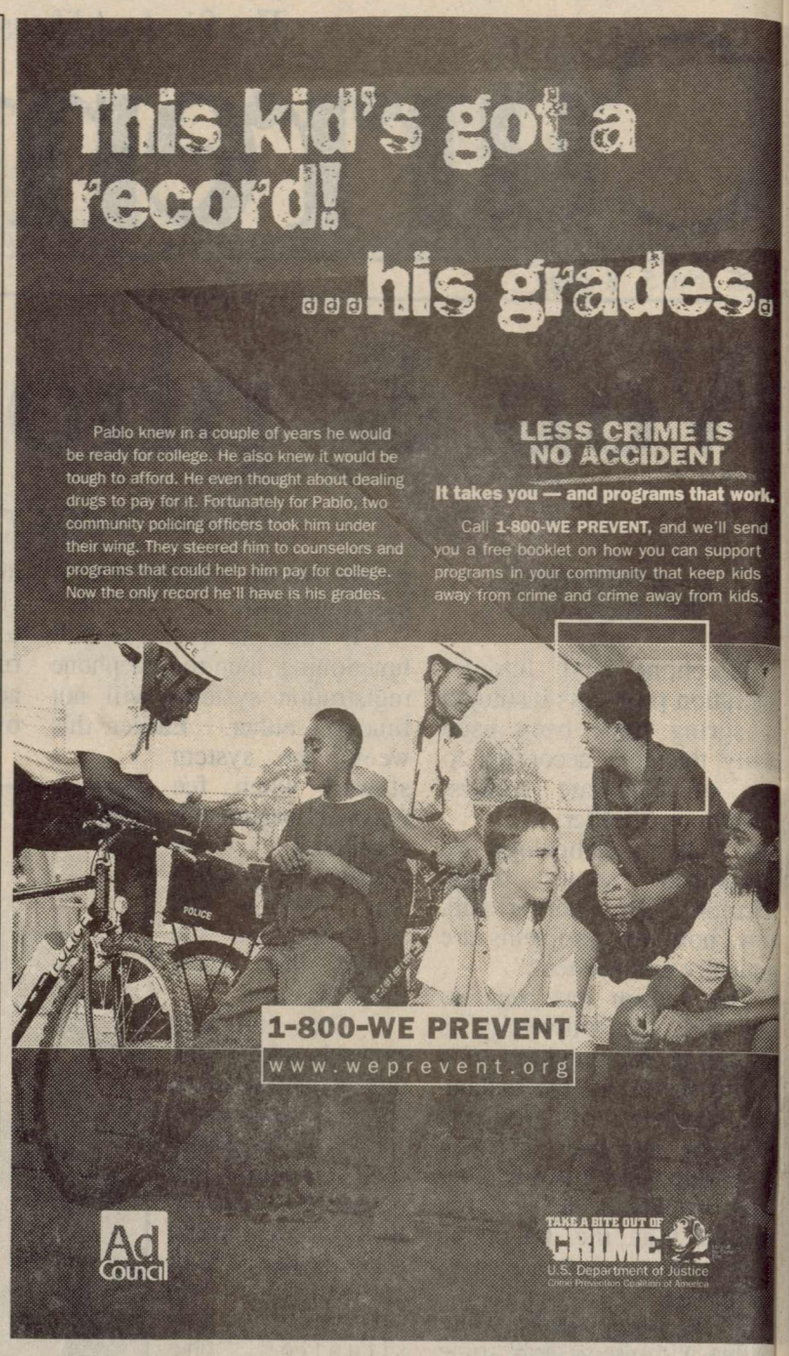
Renovations to the drainage pipe have finally been completed. Soon roads will be repaved, and traffic will be back to normal.



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News

Keyser Hall asbestos clean-up near complete

Operation of Studio A should be back to normal soon

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

All of the asbestos from Studio A of Kyser Hall has been removed. According to Dr. Ron McBride, head of the department of journalism, the abatement of the asbestos itself was completed Aug. 7th.

"There is no health issue at hand, but the ceiling needs to be completed before the project can be officially finished," McBride commented.

Scaffolding and other remnants of the project will remain in the studio until painting is complete.

The maintenance crew will be painting the studio, and the project is currently on their list of priorities.

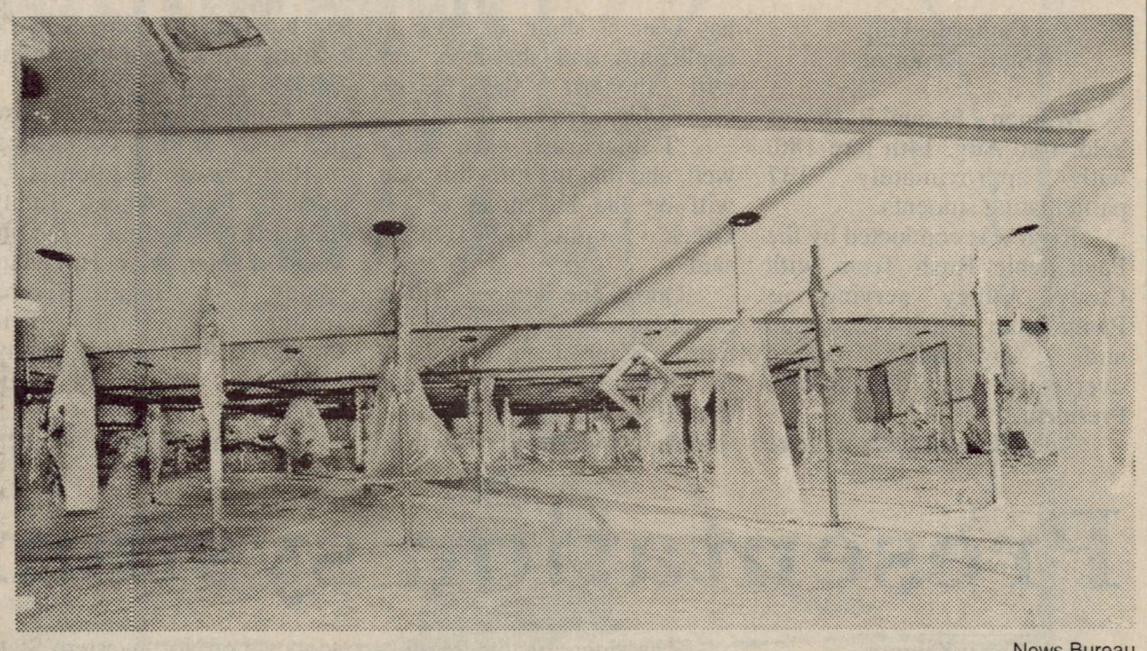
According to Scott Hawthorne, environmental safety officer, the task is nearly competed. "All that's left is to put spray back in," he said. "They took all the asbestos out. Everything should be finished by the end of the week as far as I've been told."

McBride and the entire journalism department are eager to get the work completed so that the studio can be brought back on line.

Currently, the situation is causing the postponement of newscasts and programming on channel 22. This has a tremendous effect on production classes in the department. Approximately three or four classes will be adversely affected until the studio is once again fully operational.

A major concern to McBride is the effect the current studio loss is having on the burgeoning incoming freshmen class and a large number of transferring students who are new to the University.

"These students are really excited about getting into and using the facility," McBride said. "I would hate to see excited students' enthusiasm dashed because the facility is not ready. I understand there are few staff to do this work, but it is also an academic issue."



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The abatement process has left the studio bare except for these scaffolds that were used in renovating the studio. The scaffolds will remain in place until such time as the project of painting of the studio has been officially completed.

SGA announces office openings

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association will be holding elections Sept. 16 and 17 in the Student Union

Luke Dowden, SGA President, said all interested students should pick up an Intent-to-Run form in the Student Government Office, located in Room 222 in the Student Union, between Monday, Sept. 7, and Friday, Sept. 11, at noon.

There are 11 vacant seats on the Student Government Senate: two freshman class senator positions; two sophomore class senator positions; two junior class senator positions; two senior class senator positions; and two graduate senator positions. One senator-at-large position is also vacant.

Dowden said the SGA Treasurer seat will also be filled during the September elections.

To be eligible for the position of treasurer, a student must be a member of the University student body for one year, have completed 45 semester hours and completed two accounting courses with a grade of "C" or better.

All candidates must be in good standing with the University and have a 2.0 GPA the semester prior to the election and a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Elections for the Homecoming Honor Court and Mr. and Miss NSU will be held on Oct. 7 and 8.

Spirit of Northwestern marching band ready to kick off 1998 season

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

With the first home football game just around the corner, the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band has wasted no time preparing for yet another season of exciting entertainment.

Approximately 250 band members reported to school a week early for several days of intense practice. Patrick Worsham, head drum major and a music education major, said students spent the week in sectionals, playing rehearsals, polishing their marching fundamentals and learning marching drills.

Learning so much in one week meant multiple daily practices beginning at 6:30 a.m. and sometimes ending at 8 p.m.

Helping band members prepare for the upcoming months of performances is new Assistant Director of Bands Jeff Matthews, a former NSU graduate who just happened to be drum major of the "SON."

Worsham said the band will be performing three half-time shows during the football season, beginning with a mix of Gloria Estefan songs. Other shows include a Blues Brothers medley featuring "Shake Your Tail Feathers" and other well-known hits. Worsham said the final show will include "classic band literature" such as the "Crown Emperial March" and Hinemith's "March from Symphonic Metamorphisis."

"Even though some sections may be smaller, the playing is better than it has ever been."
Derek Carson
Music major

Most of the music was arranged by Mark Poole, who recently graduated from NSU with a Master's degree in music.

The band will take their shows on the road this fall when they travel to two away football games at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette and Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

"The music we're doing this season is very challenging and pushing our players to their full potential," Worsham said. "We have an outstanding group of new men (freshmen) in all sections, from as far as Florida, who are welcome additions to the SON."

Derek Carson, a music performance major and a trumpet player in the band, said that, although the band may be smaller than in the years past, it shouldn't hinder any of their performances.

"Even though some sections may be smaller, the playing is better than it's ever been," Carson said.

The "SON" is on the rise.

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Sororities have successful rush

Catherine Gill
Staff Reportor

Women's Formal Rush was held from Aug. 14th thru 18th with approximately 137 participating students.

Rush was conducted by the Panhellenic Rush Team with Casey Ashley serving as Panhellenic Rush Chairman and Angelique Duhon overseeing as Panhellenic President.

According to Duhon, there has been a slight increase in applicants, and she feels this will benefit the greek community significantly.

"I think rush went really well, and that the girls this year will be the backbone of the Greek community," Duhon said.

Quota, the number of new members a sorority may pledge during formal rush, was set at 38. Both Sigma Sigma Sigma and Phi Mu reached quota. Alpha Omicron Pi failed to reach quota, but they will be holding Open Rush later in the fall.

Ashley and Duhon also performed as rush counselors, or Rho Chis, in addition to 12 others: Julie Duncan, Emily Leonard, Virginia Dixon, Wendy Lanier, Tricia Hrapman, Candy Cox, Haguit Rivera, Joanna Bradford, Erin Pritchard, Brandi McConathy, Courtney Perry and Julie Owen.

The Rho Chis are members of a sorortiy who disassociate themselves from their individual chapters during Rush. They serve as advisors to the women in their rush group. Rho Chis also escort their rush groups to each sorority house where rushees attend rounds of parties in which they learn the various attributes of sorority life.

Many ask what is the purpose of Rush?

"Rush allows you an opportunity to view each sorority individually. Sororities encourage the bonding friendship of sisterhood, philanthropic contribution, and participation in campus and community events and social activities," Ashley said.

"Sorority life allows you to become an integral, contributing part of the Northwestern community and to become part of a long-standing university tradition started in 1900," Duhon voiced. "Sororities offer a wide array of special opportunities for fellowship, self-goverance and friendly competition. Rush was an awesome experience. It allowed the sororities on campus to meet incoming freshmen on a personal level."

Rush allows each sorority to maintain a positive representation of greek life by selecting girls of the highest caliber," Kelle Head, Sigma Sigma Sigma, said.

Presentation system installed in Russell

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

A state-of-the-art multimedia presentation system has been installed in Russel Hall, thanks to two contributions from People's State Bank and Northwestern's distinguished alumnus and President's Council Member, David Morgan.

The donation by People's State Bank, which was presented to the NSU Foundation, is the largest gift the Foundation has ever received from a financial institution.

"People's State Bank is proud to make this donation," Pete Abington, chairman of the board of People's State Bank, said. "We have been a strong advocate of Northwestern State University, and we are interested in helping the entire area we serve."

The gift from People's State Bank was made possible in large part by Dr. A. Richard Tarver, coordinator of the Carl Perkins Programs at NSU, and by assistant professor of business Dr. Susan White, who helped develop the grant proposal.

Dr. Barry Smiley, head of the College of Business, was apparently very pleased with the new equipment.

"We now have a multimedia presentation center with computer hook-ups, a control system and an overhead projector system that can be used by classes in other areas," Smiley said. "We are grateful for the individual and institutional donations for this equipment."

"We are grateful to People's State Bank for their gift which will have a positive impact on Northwestern," President Dr. Randall Webb said. "Our faculty will be able to prepare classroom presentations that will better educate our students and help them compete more effectively after graduation."

According to Tarver, the system was completed last Thursday and now is fully operational.

Carl Perkins Program prepares students

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

It's the beginning of the fall semester and most students are wading through fee payment or fighting the crowds at the bookstore. In all the commotion and frustration, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that college is a means to an end. That end is employment.

At Northwestern there is a program that is designed to help students make the transition to the work force. The program is called the Carl D. Perkins Program and consists of a wide range of services, including computer labs, seminars on subjects such as resume writing, and on-the-job training in certain fields.

The program is aimed mainly at students pursuing associate degrees. However, those in bachelor programs are also welcome to participate in the program, according to Dr. A. Richard Tarver, the Coordinator of Carl D. Perkins Programs.

"This program is geared toward associate degree students, but if the room is available, four-year students have access to the program too," Tarver said.

The program's headquarters are in Russell Hall, where the Carl D. Perkins Communications and Presentation Center is located. The Communications and Presentation Center is a computer lab that is equipped with the tools a student would need to assemble a professional style presentation.

Programs such as Powerpoint and Microsoft Office are accompanied by student workers who assist students with everything from writing techniques to developing visual aids, according to Chris Foster, the basic academic occupational skills coordinator.

The program also provides software, faculty training and on-the-job training for the five associate degree programs of business administration, office administration, electronics technology, veterinary technology, and nursing.

"This program is concerned with providing real world experience for the students," Tarver continued.

The program is funded through a federal grant and is named for the congressman who pushed for the act to pass through Congress.

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Flynn joins News Bureau

News Bureau

Leigh Flynn has been named assistant in the Division of Informational Services at Northwestern.

Flynn will work in the University's News Bureau, helping promote events and activities involving students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters.

She will work primarily with the Colleges of Education, Science and Technology, the Louisiana Scholars' College, the General College, Watson Library and other support areas of the University.

Flynn will also edit the monthly faculty-staff newsletter and contribute to the University Alumni Magazine, President's Council newsletter and other University publications.

A Northwestern graduate, Flynn worked for the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk for* the past five years. She was a reporter and copy editor, then moved to Natchitoches last year to open the paper's Natchitoches bureau.

While an undergraduate at NSU, Flynn was managing editor of the *Current Sauce*.

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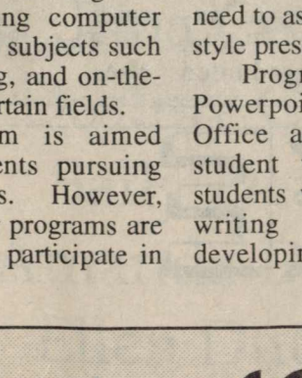

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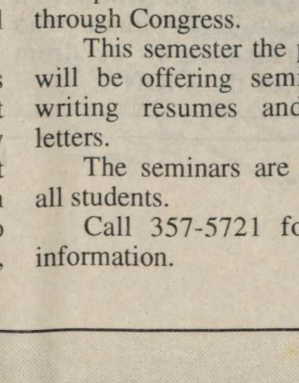

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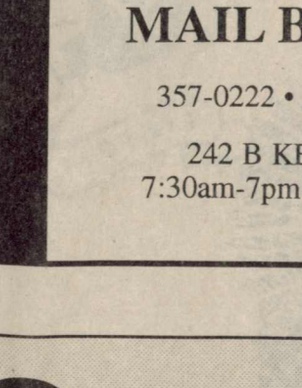

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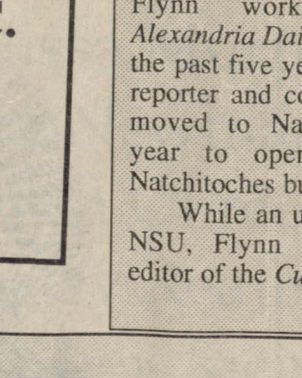

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Our View

Well, The truth is out. He did it. There is no question about it. The world knows about it now. Bill Clinton had an "inappropriate relationship" with Monica Lewinsky.

Get over it.

Okay, so our Commander-in-Chief did a very naughty thing with a White House intern. He was forced to tell the truth before the entire world. Imagine how many forms of media picked that up with play-by-play commentary. Clinton definitely should be embarrassed by this.

One point that raises our eyebrows is that oodles of women have claimed to have had an "inappropriate relationship" with Clinton before Monica Lewinsky. He actually even won his case against Paula Jones. What if he shouldn't have?

If these claims *are* true, our President has issues to deal with as soon as possible. Sportscaster Marv Albert bit a woman on the backside while having sex, lost his job and had to seek therapy. Clinton should at least do the same.

This bombing thing was just a bit too soon. I know that this was possibly the only chance for an attack, but it would look better to the conspiracy theorists if we had killed him (Osama bin Laden). According to the group that supports him, he is still alive. Concidence? Maybe or maybe not.

Another point that makes the Afghanistan bombing resemble *Wag the Dog* is that very little information was given. We know there are security matters at stake, but in order not to leave the public questioning, we need some post-op info. O.K.?

A question we have for Monica, *Why did you keep the dress?* Was it a sick souvenir or something? Most people have a relationship keepsake like a pressed flower or a photograph. *But why in heaven's name would you keep a semen-stained dress?*

Even though the American public wishes that this act never occurred, still a crime has been committed. Clinton lied to the Grand Jury. You or I would go to jail for this. If Clinton chooses not to resign, then there is ample cause for his impeachment.

But the truly sad fact is that after all of the outrageous claims, the lies, the scandal and the extensive press coverage of it all, a good majority of the people still think Bill Clinton is doing a good job. What kind of society deems it acceptable for its leaders to commit acts such as this?•

Dan's Plan

Danny Helms

Get in where you fit in

Welcome back NSU. It is good to see this campus full of students again. I plan on tackling a lot of issues this semester.

First, I would like to congratulate all of the new freshman on choosing NSU, and give you a few helpful tips on adapting to college life. You are out of highschool, therefore leave all of your high school paraphenalia at home--jackets, class rings, graduation tassles, and the like.

Second, I would like to say that all of you lazy students need to get off your backsides and get involved here. Doing just a little can go a long way, so get out and do something. I know most people that are involved at NSU are Greeks and athletes. If you can't make the grade and get into one of these organizations, don't use that as an excuse. Go do something useful anyway.

I am glad to say that I did not see one colored hair freak the first day of classes, so this is going to be a great semester.

On a serious note,this is my last year here and the complaints on parking have already started. If you don't like the parking, go to another university. You just need to park, walk and quit whining.

If you have any complaints about NSU or you just have an opinion, you can e-mail me at Currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu. You can also e-mail comments on articles in the current sauce that A) you like B) you dislike C) you just want to voice your opinion on.

I look foward to a fun-filled year and wish you the same.•

Andrew Kolb

Opinion Writer

Tips for incoming freshmen

As I enter my fourth and final year here at Northwestern, I realize that, while I may not be *much* smarter, I have learned a few things the hard way. I just thought that I would pass a few of these pieces of wisdom along to the incoming freshmen.

Take it or leave it, here it is:

The cleanest bathrooms on this entire campus are in Fournet Hall. So when you have to make a "pit stop" between classes in Kyser, do yourself a favor and walk 30 yards to Fournet. The bathrooms in Kyser haven't been cleaned since the Carter Administration; the bathrooms in Fournet haven't been used since the Carter Administration.

Do all of your grocery shopping between 1 and 5 a.m. I know the only store open at that time of the night is Wal-Mart, but you'll probably end up doing all of your shopping there anyway. You'll usually be up anyway, and you won't have to fight all of the crowds.

Speaking of food, when you get the munchies late at night, order that pizza or eat those doughnuts. However, when you hit the beach in Panama City on spring break your junior year and suddenly realize that you weigh 20 pounds more than you did in high school, don't blame me.

If you have a big test coming up, don't get in a study group with someone that you're attracted to. You'll end up making vain attempts at flirting while forgetting to study.

Conversely, if you find someone attractive, get in a study group with them. It's a good way to get to know them.

In most college classes, attendance is not mandatory. However, that doesn't mean you can blow into class once every two weeks and get the grade you want. Professors notice when you're not there. They're smart. That's why they have the Ph.D. and you don't.

There is a reason cheap liquor is cheap. You'll learn that the morning after your first experiment with it.

Never go out to the bar after 12:30 a..m. By that time, all of your friends will be "feeling good" and you'll be as sober as a judge. When the bar closes, you'll end up getting suckered into toting annoying drunks to a "cool after party" that never seems quite as "cool" to the sober people.

There are two types of dorm roommates: clean and boring or fun and sloppy. Take your pick.

There are two types of apartments in Natchitoches: cheap and crappy or decent and overpriced. Again, take your pick.

Read about half of what you're assigned to read. Chances are that everyone else in the class will only read that much too.

At some point during this semester, you'll be broke. Don't lower yourself to ask your friends for money, because they're broke too. However, you will have a t least one chamce to donate blood for money. Jump on it.

If your parents come to visit, trick them into going to Wal-Mart with you. Nine times out of 10, they'll take pity on you and buy you some groceries.

On your first weekend to stay here, don't freak out and think that aliens abducted the whole student body. Everybody (but you) went home.

Most importantly, you've only got one shot in life; make it a good one.

Well that's what I've learned in three years here. If I have forgotten anything, you'll have to learn it on your own.•

David Sullivan

Opinion Writer

Prozac can make your dog cheerful and happy all day long

I think many Americans on the drug Prozac have been seriously misdiagnosed for clinical depression. For example: dogs.

People are putting dogs on Prozac. As I was surfing the net for data to write this column, which usually consists of weight-loss-tips and basic fitness methods for the average busy student, a Collie appeared on the screen barking about how much Prozac has changed his life.

According to "Retarded.com," a family reported that their pooch was depressed because it watched an episode of Lassie. The dog was never the same because it supposedly could not live up to the dead dog's (now stuffed) attraction.

The pet's psychiatrist prescribed the dog Prozac, which has proven to have positive results on many humans, with the exception of some people who say the side effects aren't worth it, i.e. weight gain or loss, diarrhea, nausea, etc. Since the family drugged it, the mongrel is more lively, hungry and regular.

Who cares? Animal-rights-groups complain when drug labs experiment on animals to create treatments and cures for people. They whine when they see someone wearing a fur coat, which is a product of respectable business. I wonder if they give their dogs Prozac?•

A&E

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Alterna-grunge lives

Sean Woods
Staff Reporter

FOAM
Big Windshield, Little Mirror
Sony/Epic Records

Foam is a new band with a familiar feel.

Foam have a lot in common with the older alternative-grunge bands that have been around since we started smelling Nirvana's "teen spirit" back in the early 90s (Wow. I think I was was in the eighth grade when I got that tape.)

Anyway, expect a sound similar to The Nixons, Stone Temple Pilots, or Everclear.

Though some of the songs are catchy, they sadly don't offer anything new to this music genre. And let's face it, alternative music has been growing stale for quite a while.

Foam's music is okay, but the lyrics are a little flat. They aren't as bad as they could be, but they should have worked on the words some more.

The song "Poster Girl" sounds as if it were inspired by Everclear's *Sparkle and Fade* album because of its use of similar guitar riffs.

Jason Teach leads the foamy pack by providing vocals and guitar. Thankfully, Jason has his own singing voice without having to resort to an Eddie Vedder impersonation.

Foam can also easily fit into that alterna-lite category made popular by bands like Matchbox 20, Third-Eye Blind Tonic and their ilk.

So if you're into those guys (from the looks of MTV and a few radio stations, it looks like a lot of people are), you may like Foam.

This album would be great interstate driving music, or at the very least, some good stuff to have playing in the background.

You can relax while listening to Foam, and as stressful as University life can be sometimes, Foam might be just the ticket you're looking for.

They are well worth checking out, even if their lyrics leave a bit to be desired.•

Snipes' *Blade* doesn't cut it

Mike Boyd
Staff Writer

Blade actually started as a good movie. Enter: A vampire rave complete with disc jockey, human sacrifice and sprinklers gushing blood. Our hero, Blade, (played by Wesley Snipes) appears. A spectacular battle ensues. Death and chaos fill the screen. That was a fantastic opening scene, especially if you are infatuated with vampires or just violence in general.

Unfortunately, shortly thereafter, someone decided to add dialogue.

During one of the countless battles and chase scenes, the cameraman and special effects crew took over, providing dazzling and sometimes breath-taking shots.

However, much to my disappointment, these moments were always too brief. The movie always returned to its static and lifeless storyline, wherein the main characters took turns exchanging information that seemed to appear out of midair.

Another sore point for me was the fact that, even though several confrontations take place on crowded city streets, not a single passerby ever notices. No one seems to mind that Blade walks among them, armed with various swords and guns.

At one point the villain Frost, (Stephen Dorf), is holding a young girl in the air by her neck in broad daylight as a couple passes by them without even so much as a glance.

I had heard that New Yorkers could be callous, but I thought this was extreme eve for people with their reputatio

While the movie wa visually exciting, occasionall amusing, continuously go and even a little disturbing, lacked the one thing that reall makes a movie worth going t see--a decent plot. It alway pains me to watch a movie wi potential turn into something s mediocre.

There appears to be almo no thought or motive behi most of the story's actions, a no character development at a The only emotion I was able feel when someone died w relief that there would be m more canned one-liners fro that particular character.

I'm sorry Blade manag to survive; it means that he c threaten us with a sequel a more elaborate poses inappropriate moments.•

Get drug-crazed & crazy in *Las Vegas*

Amy Haney
A & E Editor

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Since the release of the movie with the same name, there has been a renewed interest in the book *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.*

Written by Hunter S. Thompson, this novel is a diary of the drug binges indulged in by Raoul Duke, a doctor of journalism, and his attorney, Gonzo, as they struggle "to maintain" in and around Las Vegas at the beginning of the 70s.

I cannot tell you how insane this book is. It begins in the desert with Duke and Gonzo speeding towards Las Vegas in a red convertible with a suitcase full of mescaline, acid, cocaine, Tequila, amyls, marijuana, and of course, ether. (What party is complete without ether?)

Duke and Gonzo partake generously of their stash on the way, and Thompson does a great job of using words to convey the feeling of a drug-induced frenzy and paranoia (a.k.a., "the fear") as they pick up hitchhikers and later deal with threatening hotel receptionists.

A Rollercoaster ride of madness ensues. Duke and Gonzo plunge in head first, alternating between supporting one another and going off the deep end, with one of them always getting straight enough to deal with the situations they find themselves in.. (Gonzo rescues a tripping Duke from a lounge full of lizard people, and Duke later knows when it is time to barricade Gonzo into the bathroom to prevent his planned murder of a photographer he met in the elevator.)

With new additions to their drug arsenal, the duo rage all over town getting thrown out of shows, becoming involved with underage run-aways, terrorizing hotel maids a running up an enormous roo service bill.

What could have been scary and disgusting look reprehensible behavior tur out to be an account of se indulgence with plenty unexpected and sometim unexplainable twists, lots cleverly worded descriptions how the severely chemical impaired see the absurdities everyday life, and ma humorous and macab anecdotes involving outrageo behavior.

Fear and Loathing... m not change your outlook on l or give you a shining ideal strive toward, but it is entertaining read and offers glimpse at experiences f people can afford to have th days.

As Raoul Duke says as attorney regurgitates onto passing car... "Bad crazines That's what *Fear and Loathi in Las Vegas* is all about.•

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Sports

Southern tickets on sale now

Sports Information

Ticket sales are brisk for the Sept. 5 season opening football game at Turpin Stadium matching two defending conference champions, nationally-ranked Northwestern State and visiting Southern University.

According to assistant athletic director Dennis Kalina, sixty percent of the 15,971 seats are already gone. That figure is based on season ticket sales, single-game sales, the student allotment and the tickets sent to Southern for sale in Baton Rouge.

Fans planning to attend the game need to get their tickets well before game day. Tickets, priced at $12 each, can be ordered over the telephone by calling (318) 357-4268 during business hours. They can also be purchased by visiting the Athletic Fieldhouse located just south of Turpin Stadium.

"There still are some great seats available, but the tickets are going fast," Kalina said. "We don't expect to have many, *if any*, seats available by kickoff. It will be a great atmosphere and a fantastic start to the season."

Northwestern, 8-4 last year, shared the Southland Football League title and reached the Division I-AA playoffs. Southern, the Southwestern Athletic Conference champion, finished 11-1 after winning the Heritage Bowl.

The two largest crowds in Turpin Stadium history came to watch the first two games between Northwestern and Southern in Natchitoches.

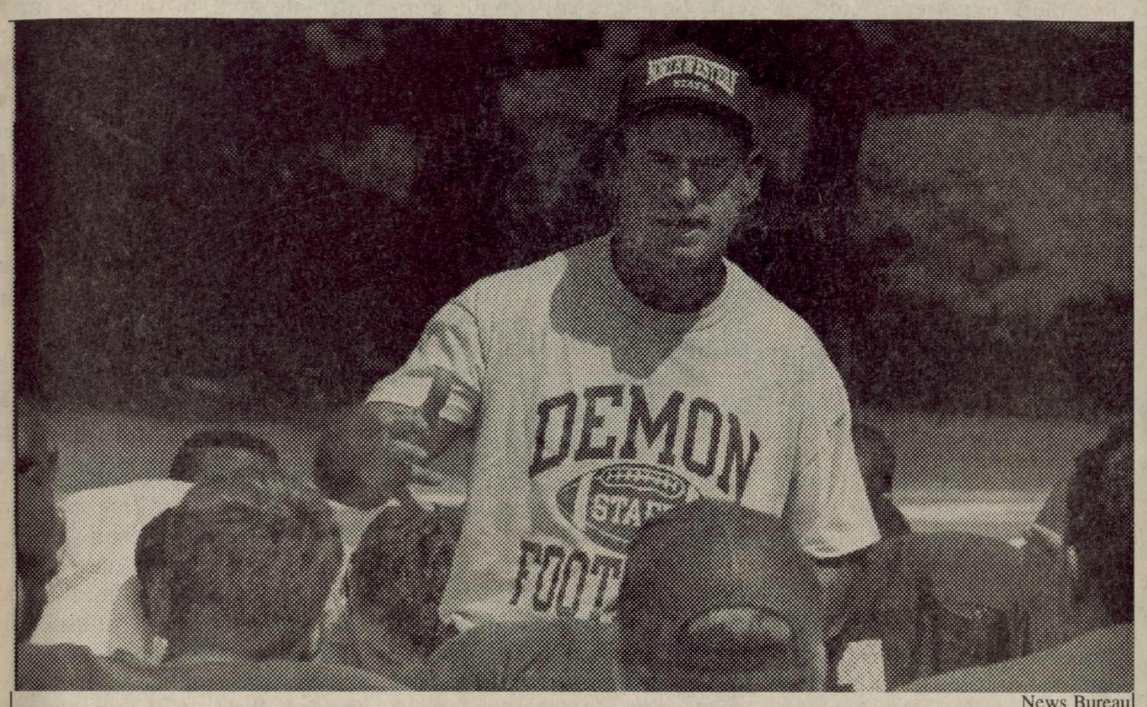
The 1994 contest drew 15,600. Just two years ago, an overflow throng of 16,222 enthusiastic fans watched the Demons dominate the Jaguars 27-10.

"These are two of the best and most exciting teams in the nation," athletic director Greg Burke said. "Add in the pre-game tailgating and what will be a sensational halftime show by the bands from both schools, and you have a complete package of entertainment that anybody will enjoy, sports fan or not."

Students who are interested in attending the game have until Wednesday, Sept. 2, to claim their tickets. A current student ID card, a fall semester class schedule or a receipt from fee payment will be required in order to pickup a free ticket.

"We have reserved the best seats on the east side of the stadium, the student side, for our student body," Kalina said. "But they are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we have only a limited number allocated."

After Sept. 2, if any of the student seats remain unclaimed, they are going to be made available to the general public.•



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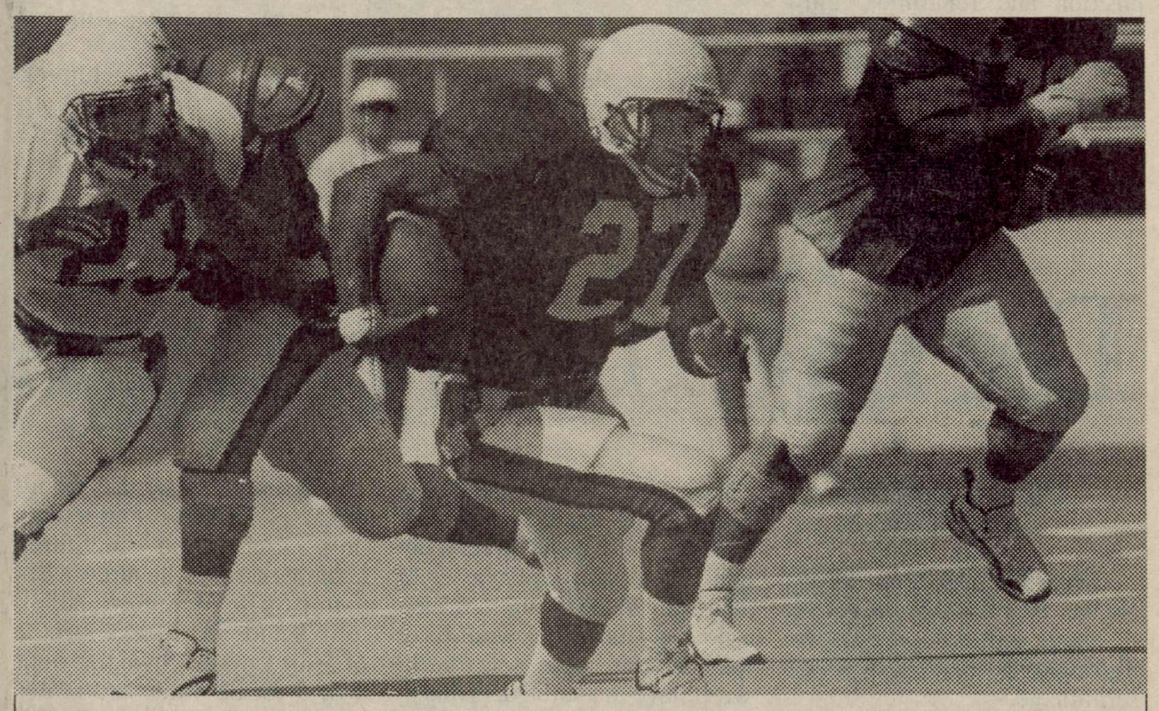
Coach Sam Goodwin preps his troops before they embark in battle with the Southern Jaguars Saturday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.



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Last year standout Ronnie Powell readies himself for Saturday's game.

1998 Northwestern State Demon Football Schedule

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Sept. 12	Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Henderson State	Natchitoches, LA	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	*Southwest Texas State	San Marcos, TX	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Missouri	Columbia, MO	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	Open		
Oct. 15	*McNeese State (televised)	Natchitoches, LA	2 p.m.
Oct. 24	Nicholls State	Thibodeaux	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Troy State-Homecoming	Natchitoches, LA	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	*Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, AL	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*Sam Houston State	Natchitoches, LA	2 p.m
Nov. 21	*Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX	2 p.m.

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Demons shock conference

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

Picked tenth by league coaches and ninth by the sports information directors, the volleyball team has expectations for themselves and from the coaching staff.

All of the players had a great offseason, training hard both in the weight room and on the court over the summer.

"Everyone is fighing for a position and for time," third year head coach Mary DeJute said. "I prefer to keep it that way. But right now, all of the girls are rising to the occasion."

From a conference standpoint, DeJute expects that it could be a wide open race, despite the conference polls.

The University of Texas at Arlington took first, followed by Stephen F. Austin in both polls. DeJute said that UTA and SFA could be surpised.

DeJute also expects that NSU will be somewhere toward the top of the standings as well. "I don't take a whole lot of stock in preseason polls," DeJute continued "I prefer to be where we're at...teams will take us lightly. I would rather be the underdog. I like it when people underestimate our abillity."

DeJute also said that the Demons are a stable, well-balanced team. Both she and the players expect a lot from each other.

Three newcomers, including two freshman, join nine returnees from last year's squad that went 8-24.

Among those returning are Heather Krolcyzk and Kandice Washington, from whom the Demons expect many thing this season. With two letters, Krolcyzk is the most experienced member on the team.

Washington has been the most improved player since last year. She enjoyed a good spring and great summer training, according to DeJute.

Others who are returning letterwinners expected to contribute heavily include Missy Krause, Sondra Lima and Shera Karasiak.

Included among the new members of the team are Lady Demons basketball player Kia Converse. Converse is a tremendous athlete with a great work ethic, fantastic athleticism and agility, and she has great potential.

The incoming freshmen include Jessica Smith, a highly regarded outside hitter from Arlington. Smith comes from a successful highschool volleyball program and is a solid all-around player with good club experience and a great passing game.

The other freshman standout is outside hitter Lisa Abner from Indianapolis. Abner is consistent with good ball control and is expected to contribute right away.

One thing the Demons would like to see is fan support.

"I want students, faculty, and staff to know that we exist, that there is a volleyball team representing this university--a team that works hard in the classroom and on the court," DeJute added.

The plan is that if people come watch, they are going to get hooked and find a deeper respect for the game.

Also returning to the court will be the Volleyball Pep Band, which is in its second year of existence and the only one of its kind in the conference.

" The pep band creates a complete atmosphere and brings excitement to the game," DeJute finished. "As coaches and athletes, for us to hear a band supporting us makes us work harder and yet be entertained at the same time. Its entertaining for fans, exciting for us and intimidating for the other teams."

DeJute's goal is to create an atmosphere at the matches that opponents dislike because of the support and energy of the fans. The ultimate goal, however, is for a true home court advantage.

The Demons open house for their 1998 season on Sept. 25 against first place UTA at 7:00 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.•

Demons search for QB starter

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Redshirt freshman receiver Nathan Black's five passes for 45 yards and solo touchdown highlighted last Saturday's scrimmage.

Veteran head coach Sam Goodwin said that it would not be until later this week when he finds out who will start at quarterback after watching each quarterback run 10 plays.

"We have four quality quarterbacks," Goodwin said. "They all did some good things today, threw the ball well and checked into some good play calls. I'm sure we'll go into Thursday night trying to decide who No.1 is, and I would say that by this time next week, we'll have made the decision."

The group threw for a combined 124 yards on 10 completions and 20 attempts with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Black's solo TD came on a solo bomb by junior quarterback Brad Spangler.

Despite missing spring practice, Warren Patterson's only completion in three attempts came as he threw a 41-yard pass to T.J. Sutherland.

Senior Bo Meeks went 2 of 5 for 9 yards. Spangler went 4 of 5 for 33 yards and senior transfer Cody Smith hit 3 of 7 for 41 yards.

A lone 33-yard field goal came from freshmen kicker Thomas LaToof moments after having his first kick called back.

Redshirt freshman tailback Tony Taylor led the ground attack with 32 yards on three carries. Senior Ronnie Powell earned only 19 yards on two runs.

The offense did not commit a turnover but felt a blow from penalties. It was hit with five penalties for 40 yards while the defense drew four flags for 32 yards.

"That was the disappointing part," Goodwin said. "We killed ourselves with penalties." However, he then added, "We gave great effort, and with the kind of senior leadership we have, that doesn't surprise me at all."

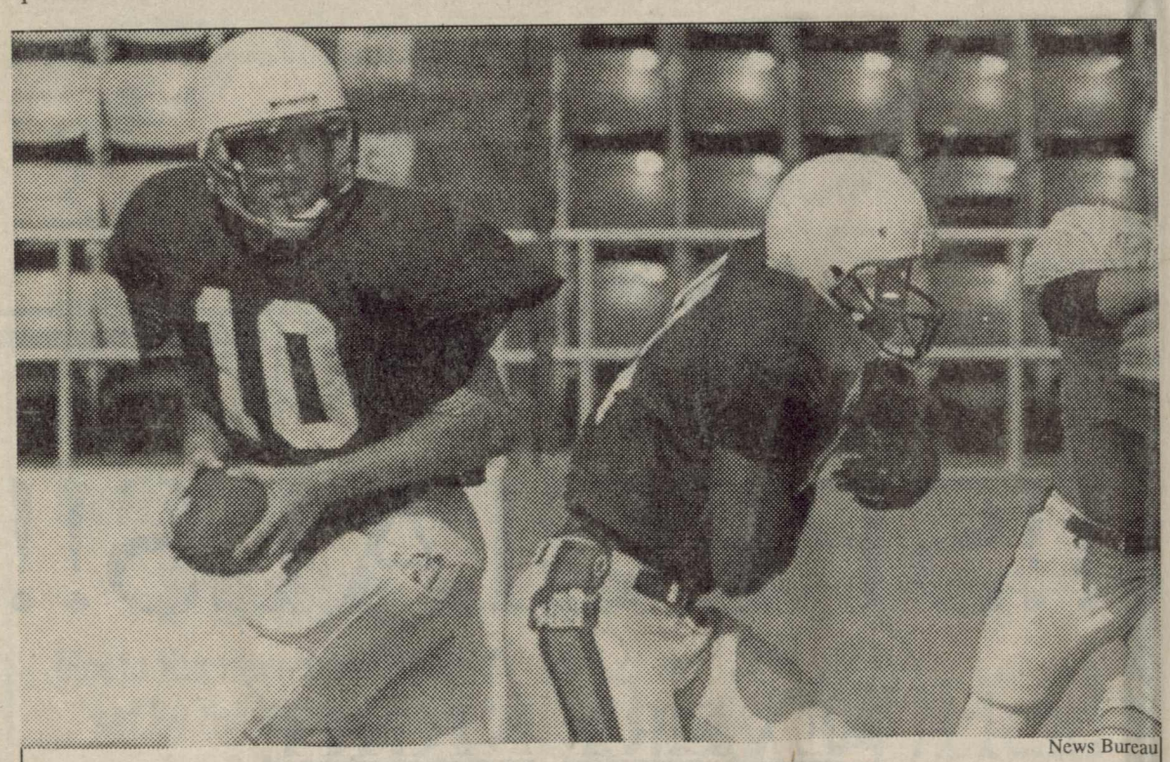
Black's touchdown catch, on a quick slant, ended an 11-play, 65-yard drive with Meeks contributing two completions. Spangler hit Black twice after Meeks stepped down.

All of Taylor's rushing yards came on this drive with his impressive 16-yard scurry around left end setting up the touchdown.

Redshirt freshman defensive back Colby Doucet was the top tackler with five stops. Sophomore linebacker Charvis Richmond had three.

Six defensive starters, linebacker Jake Michel and the top five linemen, including Preseason All-American end Robert Daniel, did not play because of minor injuries.

The Demons will take today off and are scheduled to begin their regular 3:30 p.m. workouts Monday, according to Coach Goodwin.•



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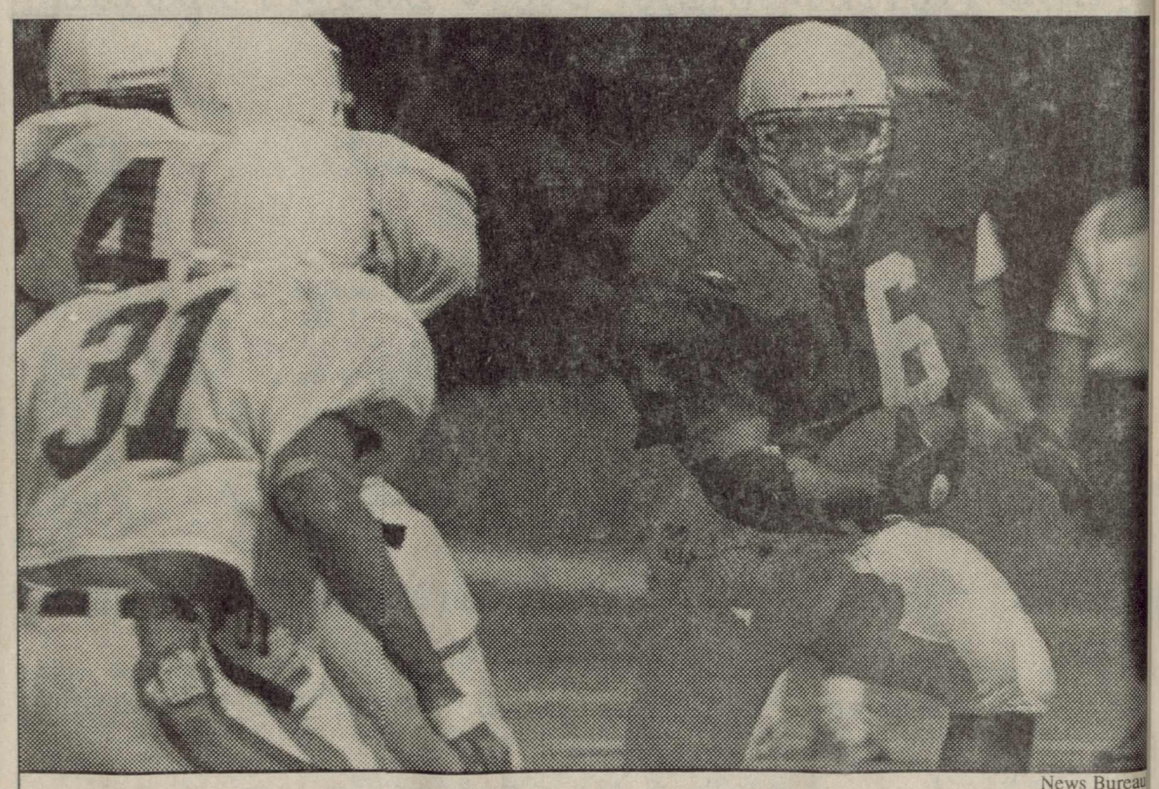
Senior Quarterback and possible starter Bo Meeks drops back for a pass. Meeks, along with Brad Spangler, Warren Patterson and Cody Smith, is trying his best to earn a starting quarterback postion for the Demons.



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Senior tailback Brian Jacquet darts around the corner for a tremendous gain. The last scrimmage of the season will be Thursday.

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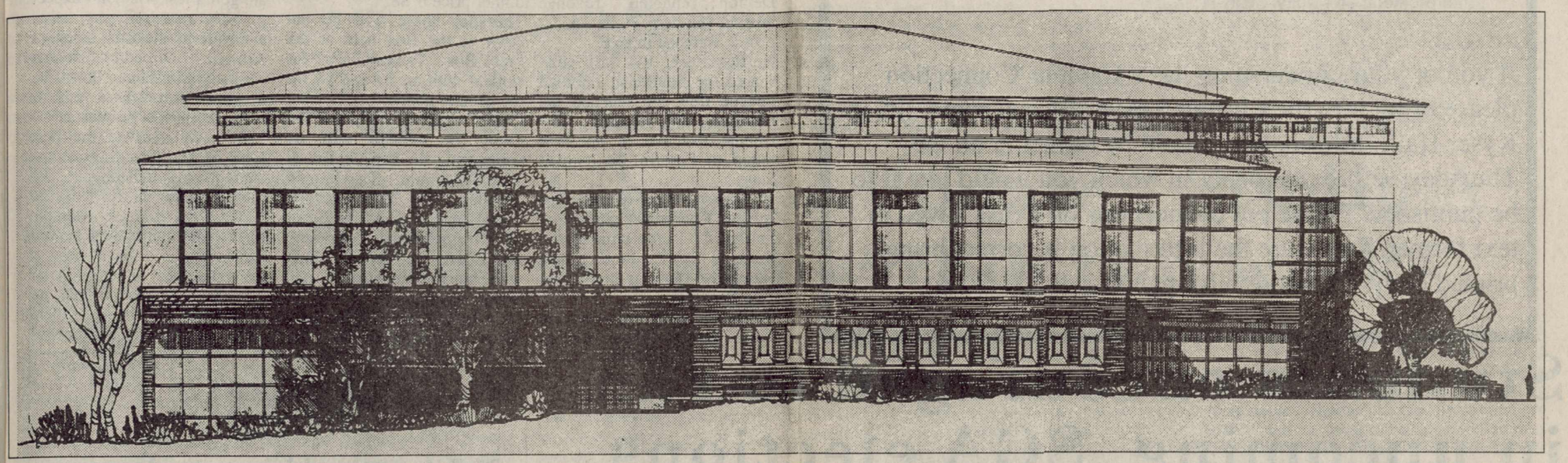
Fate of IM rests in students' hands



By Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students may soon be enjoying an improved wellness and recreation center thanks to the recent approval of a referendum by the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees.

The board unanimously voted to allow NSU's Student Government Association to put the referendum to a vote by the student body, which will be held on Sept. 16 and 17.

The referendum calls for major renovations to the existing IM facility, which was built in 1939. Luke Dowden, SGA president, said since that time, no major renovations have been done to the building except for a new roof, piping and gym floor.

Dowden said the proposition calls for the existing building to be gutted out and expanded an additional 41,000 sq. feet, making the building's total size reach 80,000 sq. feet. If the referendum is passed, the new building will be called The Demon Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center (WRAC) and will include an indoor jogging track, a wellness center to inform students of such health-related issues as nutrition and will be handicap accessible.

The projected cost of the renovated building is $6.9 million. Dowden said even if the referendum doesn't pass, more than $2 million will eventually have to be used to renovate the existing facility.

The referendum calls for the costs to be paid for with a student assessed fee of $75 for the fall and spring semesters for students carrying five or more credit hours. Summer students who are carrying seven or more hours will also be required to pay the fee. If the referendum is passed, the $75 fee will take effect this spring semester. Students presently pay a $5 fee per semester for use of the IM building.

Dowden said the fee is broken into two parts. He said $42 of the fee will be used for construction and the remaining $33 will be used for the continued staffing, programming and operation of the WRAC. According to the request for the student referendum, the fee will be for a 25-year period. At that time, the $42 construction fee will be retired.

The WRAC would also generate revenue from non-student user charges and other fees such as locker rentals.

If the referendum is approved, Dowden said the next step would be to take the plans to the Facilities and Finance Committee in October where the committee would "pick apart the plans" and help choose an architect. Dowden said if everything goes according to schedule, students could see the WRAC as early as January 2001 and no later than 2002.

Those students required to pay the $75 fee but will graduate before renovations are complete, will have access to the facility. Dowden said for every semester a student paid the fee, that student will be allowed to use the facility for that equal amount of time.

Dowden feels a renovated recreation facility would prove to be a great benefit for the University, despite the monetary costs. He views this referendum as an opportunity to improve campus life as well as the University, especially as a recruiting tool.

"We're being very responsible," Dowden said. "We're being stewards of our own education."

Dowden pointed out the fact that most schools, if not all, in the University of Louisiana system have or are currently renovating their recreational facilities — all except Northwestern. He said he is more than willing to give a further explanation of the plan to any student or student organizations before the September elections.

"It's a good plan; it's not too much," he said. I want the best for this university."

SAB helps ease students into college life

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board held "Welcome Week 98" last week to ease students into college life.

Students were provided with a way to beat the heat while relieving stress from the first week of school. Various water activities were set up outside of the Student Union, including water wars, misting tents and a "Wet 'N Wild Twister."

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the dunking booth where Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, briefly served as the willing "dunkee."

Ryan Scofield, SAB president, said that these activities were a good way to welcome students and provide temporary relief from the hot weather.

This was the first time the SAB offered water activities, but Scofield hopes to bring them back again.

"We wanted to do interactive stuff," Scofield said. "Hopefully, freshmen will be in the mind set that we're here for them."

A waxed hands booth let students make molds of their hands by dipping them into a tub of hot wax several times before dipping them into cool water.

Other "Welcome Week 98" activities that took place last week include two dances and a photo buttons booth.

Keli Ourso, incoming freshman, agreed that the week's events have put students at ease about attending college and leaving home for the first time.

"It's something fun to do between classes," Ourso said.

Welcome Week activities were extended into this week and includ the M-4 Motion Simulator.

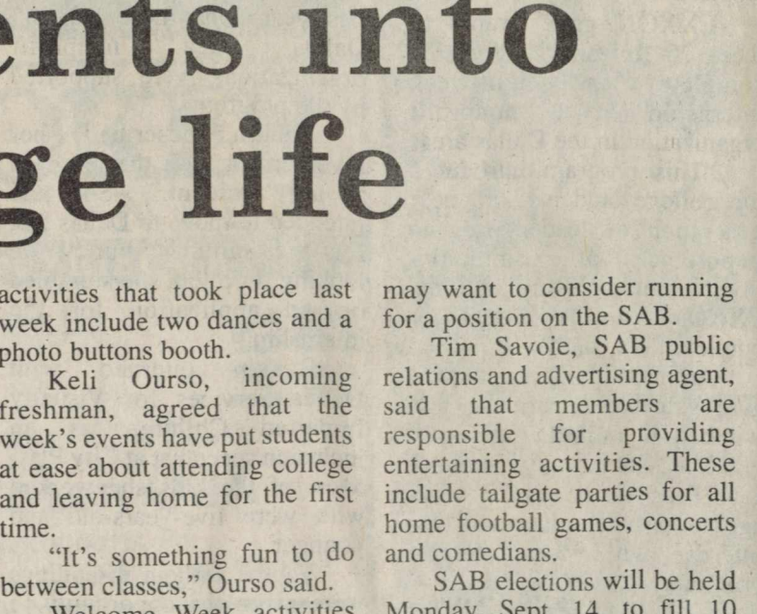
Hypnotist Mark Maverick will be on campus Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Alley.

Students who are looking for a way to become more involved with campus events may want to consider running for a position on the SAB.

Tim Savoie, SAB public relations and advertising agent, said that members are responsible for providing entertaining activities. These include tailgate parties for all home football games, concerts and comedians.

SAB elections will be held Monday, Sept. 14, to fill 10 available positions. To be eligible to run, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Entry forms can be picked up in the SAB office in the Student Union, room 222, and must be turned in before Friday, Sept. 11, at noon.



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Ryan Scofield, SAB president, anxiously awaits his turn to be dunked last week during water activities held as part of Welcome Week '98.

Enrollment is down from last fall

Elona Boggs
Staff Reporter

Although there are no official numbers concerning student enrollment this semester, Chris Maggio, director of enrollment services, said the student count should be close to 8,350.

"Anything over 8,300 means that we had a good recruiting year," Maggio commented. The number of students enrolled is down from last fall's total of 8,873.

"The loss of 600 students was tough to overcome, but we're expecting a good freshman class coming in numberwise," Maggio added.

Contrary to the decrease in total enrollment, the number of freshmen is expected to be up from past semesters.

The exact number of freshman enrolled this fall is presently unconfirmed, but last fall's total was 3,147.

According to Ken Posey, financial aid counselor, the increase in freshman enrollment may be attributed to the TOPS Scholarship program.

The scholarship awards tuition or money dependent upon students' ACT scores and GPA. Over 650 freshmen will be receiving TOPS.

Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell said that all of the official numbers concerning student enrollment should be confirmed by Friday, Sept. 11.

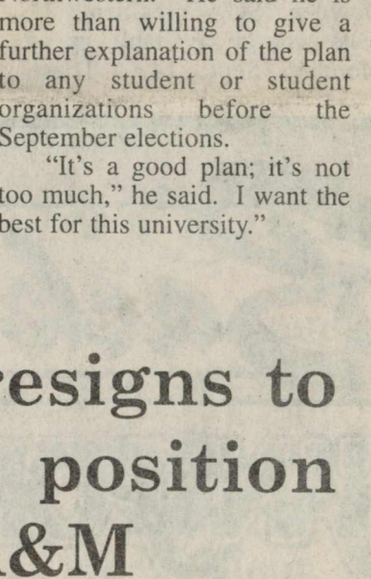
Dr. Ross resigns to take new position at Texas A&M

Dr. Gary Ross, head of the Department of Language and Communication, is resigning to take a position at Texas A&M at Kingsville.

Ross, who served as department head for five years, will officially resign Sept. 8. He will serve as Dean of Developmental Studies in his new position according to Dean Hatley. This position is a step up in his career.

An acting head of the department will be named from the existing NSU faculty. The official announcement of Ross' replacement is pending due to administrative paperwork. After an acting head is named, the university will begin a search for an official appointment.

Ross was hired by NSU in the Fall of 1991 as a nine month faculty member. Nov. 1, 1993, Ross was named acting head of the Department of Language and Communication and officially filled the position in July 1, 1994 when Dr. Ray Wallace resigned from the position to take over the Louisiana Scholars College.



Garry Ross

Tickets still available for season home opener

Kris Collinsworth
Staff Reporter

Despite rumor, tickets are still available for the season home opener against Southern this Saturday.

"If you hear it's a sellout, you've heard wrong," Athletic Director Greg Burke said. "We have about 30 percent of our tickets still available. We do encourage fans to make their purchases early next week because the demand will pick up, but at this point, heading into game week, there are plenty of good seats available."

In order for fans to enjoy Saturday's game, they need to get their tickets well before game day, Kalina stated. Tickets, $12 each, can be ordered by telephone by calling 318-357-4268 during business hours or by visiting the NSU Athletic Fieldhouse located just south of Turpin Stadium on the first floor near the stairwell.

At the ticket window, one only needs to flash his or her student ID to get tickets.

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Pep Rally: Friday at 10:00 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. Scheduled are performances by The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, the Demon Dazzlers, Yell Leaders & Pom-Pon Line. Admission free with a student ID. For more information contact the Office of Greek Life at 357-6511.

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If you or your organization has a Campus Connection please bring it to the Current Sauce office at room 225 in Kyser Hall. Information should be turned in on the Thursday before the paper in which you would like it to be published. Please put connections on a disk saved in text format. To ensure the information is correct bring a printed copy. For more information call 357-5456

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Then that Saturday at the ticket window a student must show his or her ID to get in to watch the game.

Two of the largest crowds in Demon history came to watch the Southern vs. NSU match-up. In 1994 a crowd of 15,600 viewed the Demon take on Southern as the Demon lost 20-0. Two years ago when the Demon enacted revenge beating Southern 27-10, 16,222 people watched in awe.

Northwestern, 8-4 last year, shared the Southland Football League title and reached the Division I-AA playoffs. The Demon lost out in the first round to Eastern Washington State.

Southern, the Southwestern Athletic Conference champion, finished 11-1 after winning the Heritage Bowl. In their last outing the Demons lost to the Jags 27-9.

During the week preceding the home opener, the Students Activities Board will be sponsoring some events for students.

Yesterday, a M-4 Motion Simulator was setup in front of the Student Union. Tomorrow, Hypnotist Mark Maverick will be in The Alley at 7 p.m. Also, on Wednesday, the weekly Quarterback luncheon will at the Landing, at 1 p.m. The dinner price is $8.

Thursday there will be the Bash at the Box held at the Press Box. Tickets are $2 for student with an ID and $8 for the general public.

Friday night at 10 p.m. The Order of Omega will be sponsoring a Pep Rally at Turpin Stadium. The Demon Dazzlers, the Yell Leaders, Pom-Pom Line, and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band will performed along with spirit competitions and more.

Saturday before the game there will be tailgating outside of the Fieldhouse from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The River's Revue Band will also be outside by the Fieldhouse performing.

After the game at 9 p.m., Th Natchitoches Jazz/R & B Foundation will sponsor the Boogie on the Bricks on Front Street.

"There still are some great seats available, but the tickets are going fast. We don't expect to have many, if any, seats available by kickoff," assistant Athletic Director Dennis Kalina commented. "It will be a great atmosphere and a fantastic start to the season."

"We have reserved the best seats on the East Side of the stadium, the student side, for our student body," Burke added. "But they are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we have only a limited number allocated. After Sept. 2, if any student seats are unclaimed, we will make them available to the general public.

Students encouraged to run in upcoming SGA elections

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students interested in becoming more involved on campus may want to become part of the Student Government Association.

According to Luke Dowden, SGA president, 11 seats will be available as of Monday, Sept. 14. These positions are comprised of two freshmen class senators, two sophomore class senators, two junior class senators, two senior class senators, two graduate senators and two senator-at-large positions. The SGA treasurer seat will also be filled during the September elections.

Elections will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16, and Thursday, Sept. 17 in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To run for treasurer, a student have been a member of the student body for one year, have been on SGA for one complete semester, completed 45 course hours and two accounting courses with a grade of "C" or better.

All candidates must be in good standing with the University and have a 2.0 GPA the semester prior to the election with a 2.0 cumulative.

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NSU student selected among 75 college students for Exxon internship

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Mandy Rankin, sophomore, was chosen as one of 75 college students to participate in the 1998 EXXON Corporation Community Summer Jobs Program in Dallas.

EXXON gave grants to these 75 full-time students to complete an eight-week internship at a nonprofit organization in the Dallas area.

"This program introduces top college students, the next generation of leaders, to the importance of community involvement," Tony Atkins, EXXON's vice president for public affairs, said.

Atkins said interns stand to gain valuable experience that will help them in the future.

The Community Summer Jobs Program began 27 years ago to provide placement for interns within community programs.

EXXON is responsible for funding the program through grants given to the administration of the Volunteer Center in Dallas County.

The program has been implemented since 1991. More than $1 million have been committed by EXXON since that time to place about 575 college students in internships. Last year alone, more than 200 Dallas area nonprofit organizations were supported by the program.

Rankin described her involvement with the program as an "accident." She had intended to move to Dallas just for the summer, but while looking for a job, she stumbled on an application for the internship.

Rankin interned with Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children as an inclusion specialist at City Play. Most of the kids she worked with were five-years-old and younger.

Youths without disabilities were given the opportunity to interact with those children who had disablities including blindness, strokes and Down's syndrome.

Rankin said the experience taught her how to work with different types of children. Her most valued memory is helping to teach a stroke victim how to walk.

Rankin commented that she would be willing to go through the experience again.

Mandy Rankin

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Open rush in full swing as students decide which organization fits their needs

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

Open rush for sororities and fraternities is in full swing. Rush is the process through which a student selects the Greek organization that he or she is interested in joining. In turn that organization decides to which students it wishes to extend invitations.

Joining a fraternity or sorority is a mutual selection process. Each chapter sets its own date for open rush, but many are holding the rush now and into next week.

"Rush is a recruitment process," David Deggs, rush director for the Inter-Fraternity Council, said. "During open rush, chapters hold open houses for any interested student. Usually open rush attracts upperclassmen. It is more relaxed."

Joining a Greek organization includes commitment of both time and money. While monetary dues vary from chapter to chapter, there are also national obligations to keep the chapter in good standing. Exact figures are not disclosed to non-prospective students.

Another consideration when evaluating if Greek life is right for a student is conformity to a certain ethics.

"These students fall under more strict regulations than any other student," Reatha Cox, assistant director of student activities and organizations, said.

Cox added that there are programs, such as Greek 1010, for new members. These programs help integrate new Greeks into college and organizational life.

An educational series exists for new members and will include guest speakers to discuss such topics as date and acquaintance rape, alcohol use, Greek team building, respect and responsibility.

"The whole purpose of the Greek system is to better the individual and his collegiate experience," Deggs said. "We look for students who are well-rounded. This is not something you do only while you're in college--you take it with you."

"The more I got involved in the sorority, the more it gave back to me," Shelly Jimenez, Alpha Omicron Pi president, said. "It's very hard to explain what the Greek system is actually like, but it's very involving and it's given me a lot of opportunities."

Fraternities on campus include Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi.

Soroities on campus are Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu and Alpha Omicron Pi.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is also on campus, but they conduct intake instead of open rush. Information night for this council will be Monday, September 21, at 7 p.m.

Students interested in Greek life can contact Cox in the Office of Greek Life at 357-6511.

No student can be denied the right to rush.

Local businesses caught selling alcohol to minors

Several area businesses were caught selling alcohol to underaged patrons during a recent undercover compliance check conducted by the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.

The businesses were randomly checked, and an ATC spokesman called the results "not good."

Nine businesses illegally sold alcohol to 19-year-olds. State law prohibits the sale of alcohol to anyone under 21.

Those businesses that sold alcohol to minors are: Jet 24 No. 43, 5423 La. Highway 6 West; Neon Country, La. Highway 6 West; Beaudions, 1328 La. Highway 1 South; Pinnacle, 7319 La. Highway 1 Bypass; French Market Express, 5109 La. Highway 6; I-49 Texaco, La. Highway 6 West; Ryder Inn, 3110 La. Highway 1 Bypass; Speedy Stop, 5123 La. Highway 6; and Shop-A-Lot No. 10, La. Highway 6 and I-49.

All of the businesses were issued citations, and the seller was issued a criminal summons to appear in court.

The penalty for selling alcohol to a minor or purchasing alcohol if you're under 21 is a fine of up to $100 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

A person convicted of purchasing alcohol for someone under 21 will be fined up to $500 and/or imprisoned for up to 30 days.

Asbestos Update - Studio A to open within two weeks

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Studio A in Kyser Hall has passed clearance tests and will be reopening within the next two weeks.

According to Scott Hawthorne, environmental safety officer, Studio A has passed the Transmission Electron Microscopy final clearance test.

"The TEM is the most definitive method of testing the air for asbestos," Hawthorne said.

Although the project is now completed, the scaffolding will be left in the studio to help the maintenance crew complete the painting that must be done. As of last Friday, the ceilings in Studio A have been sprayed with a primer.

The final phase of the renovations includes painting the ceiling with a non-asbestos acoustical texture and reinstalling the lighting system.

Crews have started abating the asbestos from the basement and crawl space areas in Morrison Hall.

"Every building on campus has asbestos," Hawthorne commented. "When a department decides to do renovations, the asbestos must be removed first."

Any building built before 1980 may contain asbestos. Asbestos is found in over 16,000 building materials, including ceiling and floor tiles and paint.

The harmful particles in asbestos can not be seen with the naked eye. Inhaling these harmful fibers can cause several diseases, including lung cancer. The symptoms of the diseases caused by asbestos may not even be visisble for as long as 20 years.

Hawthorne stresses that asbestos inspections are done on all campus buildings every six months.

"Every building manager on campus knows where the asbestos is located in his building," Hawthorne said.

The University has an Asbestos Management Plan. Every building manager and maintenance worker goes through asbestos awareness training. When a problem arises, such as the problems in Studio A, the personnel are trained to manage and address the situation as quickly as possible.

In September, all faculty members and building managers will receive an asbestos notification letter. These letters will also be sent to the parents of students who live in the dorms. A copy of the letter will be printed in the *Current Sauce*.

The purpose of the letter will be to inform the faculty and students of exactly where asbestos is located.

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Our View

Nov. 20, 1997. It was a day of reckoning for the Northwestern State Football team. For the Demons, this was the first time in a decade that they won a conference title.

Crowds roared. The goal post came down. People hung on it. We were all there that night.

Let's keep that up.

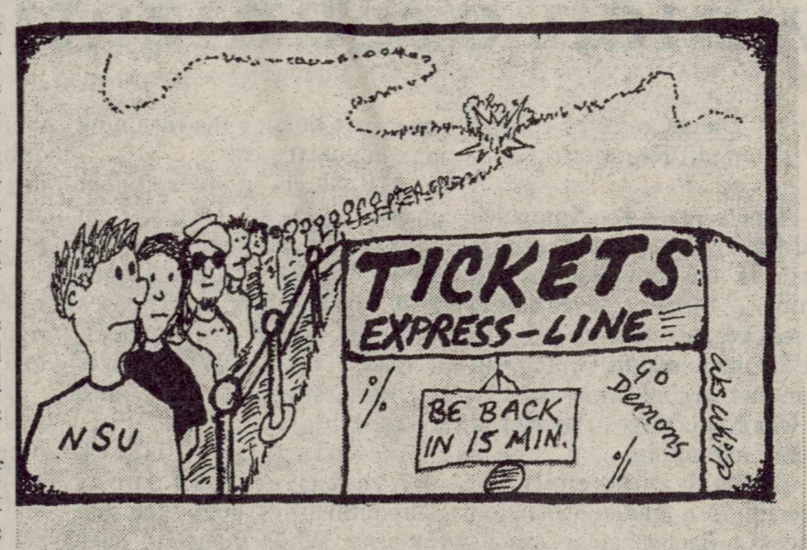
Ladies and gentlemen, we have a conference winning team in our midst. They even had a shot at a national championship. We need to do everything we can as fans to support these athletes.

Sure these guys want to go on to bigger games. They wouldn't mind signing a million dollar contact. But who do these gentlemen perform for? Us.

You should see what the guys go through in a single day. In the morning they have their classes. They eat lunch and head to the field for a workout. After getting home anywhere from 8-9 p.m. they spend the rest of the night studying and the cycle begins anew.

I must agree that our purple giants need our support and the program is approaching the peak of their cycle but I do not want to hear any crying about how tough their schedules are because they play football by choice.

With that said, students should come out and support the Demons because they have done their part and delivered a conference championship.



In defense of the students' past attendance record, no one wants to watch a team take repetitive beatings (unless you are from Chicago and frequent Wrigley Field).

This season is different from the past because the NATIONALLY RANKED Demons are defending a long awaited title.

Contrary to belief, The Demons have never ranked below fourth after the season ended. Counting on last year's conference title, The Demons have won four in their existence. Countless numbers of players have gone on to professional teams.

All in all, you need to support the Demon football team.

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon

Intramural Building Vote

So that I am not accused of being an honorary graduate of the Ignatius Reilly "Working Boy's" School of abrupt writing styles, let me first bid you all: a rip-roaring welcome or welcome back (whatever the case may be). Unfortunately, this gesture will have to take place in passing because (as an important political figure once stated) the affairs of state must take precedence over the affairs of state.

If you have ever stepped foot into one of the many fine cubby holes that your advisor is forced to exist in during office hours, then you have undoubtedly been subjected to several forms of what I like to call "faculty wallpaper". From the farside clippings that provide proof (unbeknownst to anyone without a doctorate) of superior intellect.....to the simple self-portrait (that provides the same level of innuendo when hanging on a tenured office wall). I choose to focus on one of these which I will refer heretofore as....that "Because the Student" thing.

If you have taken time to read this mission statement of sorts you might have noticed the emphasis it places on providing a continuing effort to maximize our institution's ability to provide for the student in a timely manner (I'm paraphrasing...if you want the real thing go see your advisor). The time is upon us once again to see just how close we hold this mission statement of sorts to our heart.

A closed booth voting session will be held on September 16-17 for the purposes of seeing just how badly the students on campus want the Intramural Building that the Student Government Association has worked to bring to our attention.

The proposed "Expansion and Renovation" of the existing building (which has not been given a lot of attention since it was built in 1939) is something that students put on the floor as a concern last year. The proposed complex would offer three stories and 80,000 feet including an indoor track, wellness center, extra basketball/activity court , racquetball courts and a cafe offering extended hours (6am-12pm Monday through Thursday). The building will meet criteria set forth by the ADA, and will (most importantly) continue a movement set into action by last year's decision to make Vic's smoke free.

So how much will this cost? Quite simply $75 more per semester. That does sound steep, but if you compare it to the $90 per semester price tag of local health clubs it sounds a bit better. Another major point is that (if the issue is voted on in a timely fashion) there is a possibility that this year's freshman will see the completion of the building before they graduate.

Say what you will about Louisiana, but save some of your breath for the fact that we have the unhealthiest state in the nation. We have an opportunity to offer students something that they can not get anywhere else in the state. It is now up to the students to decide.....no pesky teachers.....no SGA speaking for you.....just you and the voting booth.

Gregory Gelpi

opinion columnist

Community hospitality

Making my usual trip to campus recently, crowds of people, police and a fire truck grabbed my attention at the gates of Northwestern.

Initially, I thought that someone had committed the horrendous crime of jaywalking. For those of you that are new here, crimes such as these are big news.

As I pulled through the gates, a police officer waved me over. I immediately retraced my actions in the hopes of discovering what I had done wrong.

To my pleasant surprise, Mayor Joe, along with numerous people from the community, rushed to my car simply to welcome me back for another semester.

I won't even attempt to list all of the groups that were involved in this event for fear of forgetting one.

This small gesture brought me more joy than a late-night trip to Wally World. I applaud and thank each person involved in welcoming students back. Unfortunately, though, as quickly as it came, this newfound euphoria faded. The delightful aroma of a chicken processing plant brought me back to my senses.

Just beyond the welcoming party, numerous problems awaited to greet students. Construction--and the lack thereof--stands out. Russell Hall's parking lot and road construction couldn't occur at a worse time than the busiest semester of the year.

The additional parking lot for the University Columns has just one small problem: it doesn't exist. The University has yet to even begin construction.

I need not even touch the subject of student loans (just ask the masses of people, myself included, who suddenly discover that they have no student loan.)

I could list problem after problem for days on end, but that good ole' Natchitoches water is beginning to get to me.

Besides, it is not my intention to do nothing but gripe and complain.

The welcoming party shows the potential that Northwestern has as a community.

Frequently, we lose sight of the fact that this is a university. We are all here for the sole purpose of either educating or being educated.

When we fail to work together as a community, problems, as I have pointed, will arise.

Mike Boyd

opinion columnist

Ambulation deterioration

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary to drive to class, we, the students of NSU, must realize the clear and self-evident fact that our needs have not been met.

Our problem is this: there simply is not enough parking available on campus and our university, in a continuous and outrageous neglect of the student body, has done absolutely nothing to remedy the situation. This is a grave infraction that has carried on for far too long.

As a senior here at NSU, I have witnessed an exponential growth in the number of cars on campus and, simultaneously, I have witnessed the gradual deterioration of our parking lots. Our university has failed even to repaint lines which have become not much more than an indistinct blur in the gravel, leaving the common commuter bewildered and nonplused and the parking tickets fall like rain.

The little yellow leeches, which are our universities feeble attempt to ignore the situation in hopes that it will go away, have risen from five dollars to twenty-five per violation and do nothing but drain the bank accounts of honest students whose only crime is having no other place to park.

My question is: where has all the money from those tickets gone? Is the reason that nothing is being done to rectify our parking situation because someone is getting rich off of not fixing it?

Now I have heard at least one person say that we should just walk and shut up or leave NSU if we don't like it. Well I do like NSU. I've invested four years of my life here and I pay hard earned money to attend here. The fact is a large portion of the student body are commuters like myself. This makes the idea of walking to class either unfeasible or in some cases unthinkable.

So, no, I will not shut up and neither should any of you. There is a problem and it is our university's responsibility to fix that problem, but it is our responsibility and our privilege to take action and let our university know how we feel. Don't complain about the atrocities of parking to your friends and roommates, go tell the SGA. Tell our president. Tell anyone who will listen.

We can change NSU for the better, but we must let our voices be heard. That is the only way to ensure that Northwestern will remain a school worth attending for ourselves and our posterity.

Thank you:

Features

NCPTT: What do they do?

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Ever since the renovations to the Old Women's Gym started and were stopped by a devastating fire last fall, students have wondered exactly why the building was being renovated.

The answer is The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Yes, it is a mouthful, but it is a federally funded organization that operates nationwide and is headquartered here at Northwestern in the quaint town of Natchitoches, Lousiana.

But before we get to exactly why it is based here, let's discuss exactly what it is and what it does.

The Executive Director of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, John Robbins, explains it like this:

"The center was born out of the idea that when fields such as historic preservation, archaeology and museum development are combined, they form a sizable industry. The NCPTT serves as the research and development arm for this industry."

The NCPTT exists to help further the development of preservation technology and to help distribute these new techniques and information to various private and public organizations throughout the country.

The NCPTT offers grants for projects and training in the latest preservational technologies.

The NCPTT was created in 1992 by the U.S. Congress. It falls under the National Park Service, which is under the U.S. Department of the Interior. The legislation was sponsored by now retired Louisiana Senator J. Bennett Johnston.

And that brings us to why the NCPTT is located at Northwestern.

Senator Johnston included in the legislation that the NCPTT be located here because his wife graduated from Northwestern.

"We are a national organization located in a small town, but with the ease of travel and the advancements in communications, such as the Internet, it doesn't really hinder us," Robbins added.

The NCPTT has been here since 1994 and has always planned to eventually move into the Old Women's Gym. The center was orgianaly located in Kyser Hall, but was to South Hall.

Robbins said that the fire last fall in the Old Women's Gym threw the renovation project off schedule, and a new completion date has not yet been set.

However, Robbins said that the Center is here to stay because its location was written into the legislation.

"It will take an act of Congress to move us," Robbins said.

SGA, SAB have new outlooks

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

It is the beginning of a new semester, and both the SGA and SAB have new leadership and new attitudes.

This fall, the SAB is focusing more on catering to the student body, according to SAB president Ryan Scofield.

"We're here for the students," Scofield said. "We're trying hard to find out what the majority of students want and to cater to that."

The SAB is adjusting how it schedules events to better fit a classes and holiday breaks.

"We realize that many students don't have enough time on their lunch break to enjoy the novelty acts or activities, so we're trying to move them to later in the day," Scofield added.

Scofield also said that the SAB is dealing with a smaller budget this year because of a drop in enrollment. However, the SAB will still sponsor Homecoming, pre-game tailgating at Turpin stadium and other various events throughout the semester.

"We've also started working on the Spring Concert," Scofield continued. "Our concert chairman, Larry Collins, has already started surveys to determine what kind of band the students want."

While the SAB is focusing on catering to student preferences, the SGA is making sure students get the services they are entitled to.

"We want to make sure that Northwestern stays on the same level as other universities in the state and region," said Student Government Vice president Angelique Duhon.

The SGA is instituting some new programs this fall that have worked at other universities.

The SGA will be offering a discount card similar to the "N" Card, except that it will be free to the students. Duhon said that these will be available later this fall.

The SGA has also set aside $2,000 to allot to various Northwestern student organizations. The grants will be on a first come, first serve basis but will be allotted only to organizations with plans for projects that will benefit Northwestern.

Other new ideas include providing day care for children of students and student forums for students to express their views.

"It's important to remember what we did in the past, but we have to move Northwestern into the future," Duhon added.

News Bureau

The 1998-99 Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line has been practicing hard for the upcoming game on September 5th against the Southern Jaguars. This year members include **(L to R) Ft. Row:** Nicole Waldron, Tammy Bordelon, Wendi Petrus, Stephanie LaCombe (Fundraiser Coordinator), Mitzi Murphy (Co-Captain), Yulondia Washington (Captain), Karla Dowden (Co-Captain), Natosha Johnson, Laura Wimberly, Kristen Prestridge, Brandi Thompson. **Middle Row:** Melynn Coker, Whitney Fite, Tiffany Walker, Tracey Camburn, Jennifer Despino, Monica Crow, Jennifer Johnson, Alyssa Barnhill, Amanda Duncan, Rachel Hetler, Katie Johnston. **Back Row:** Melody Collins, Bonnie Pressler, Lindsey Poche, Sarah Murff, Beth Toney, Courtney Poche, Kado Beckworth, Tara Davis, Ashantia Robertson, and Melissa Laney. **Not Shown:** Jamila Anderson, Christine Sandlin and Jennifer Wilson.

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Tara Newman
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Ashley Beason
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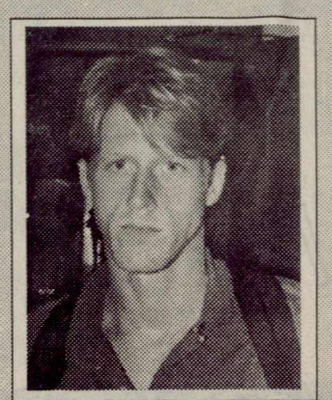
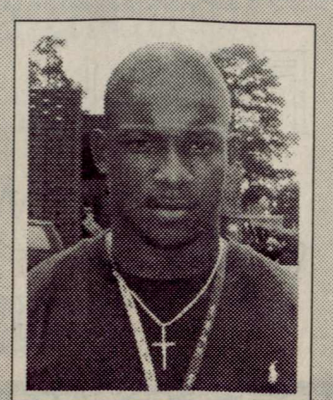


"I hate the prices of the food."

Kyle Thomas
Junior



"There is no support for the football team because everyone goes home on the weekends."

Ronnie Powell
Senior

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Cracker: a jack of all trades

Sean Woods
Staff Reporter

Cracker
Gentleman's Blues
Virgin Records

Cracker comes back at us for their forth spin at the CD player with a pretty darn good album.

Back in 1993, if you remember, Cracker's second album, *Kerosene Hat,* gave us "Low," which helped make the album go multi-platinum on the rock charts.

To describe Cracker's sound, if you don't know it, would be to say that it is a cross between the best parts of rock, blues and country music. You get the nice twang of the guitars and the raspy voice of lead singer David Lowery, minus the twang in the vocals.

As the press release states, this album is about being in a band. The title tracks reinforce this concept with names like "The Good Life," "Star," "I Want Out of the Circus" (the music for this song made me feel as if I were sitting under the big top) and "Been Around the World."

These are just four of the 16 tracks on the album. Surprisingly, the length of each song was not sacrificed to a minuscule time in order to have this many songs.

There is also a good mixture of loud and slow songs to pick from. Songs that stand out for their uniqueness and quirkiness would have to be "Trials and Tribulations,"'Wild One" and the title track "Gentleman's Blues." (The music sounds like authentic blues. They get a big score in my card for that.)

With the title, *Gentlemen's Blues*, Cracker wanted to show that, while the band has gotten older, they still don't want to be the mature adults that everyone expects them to be.

So don't think that this album is geared toward an older crowd, because it definitely sits well with any immature person, such as myself.

Are you an old cow?

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Animal Husbandry
Bantam Publishing

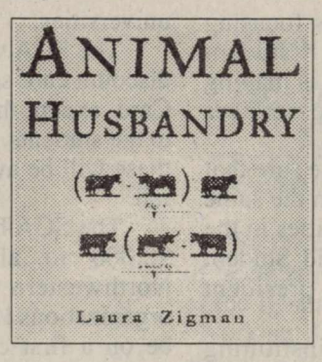
Question: Why do men leave women? Answer: new cow.

At least, that's the theory proposed in *Animal Husbandry*, the first novel by Laura Zigman.

The theory is based on the fact that bulls resist mating with the same cow twice. They are very enthusiastic at the initial rendezvous but uninterested in subsequent encounters, even if the cow is disguised by scent.

Armed with this knowledge, the main character, Jane Goodall--no, not *the* Jane Goodall--begins to research the breeding habits of animals in a desperate attempt to discover why men really leave women, or more specifically, why her ex-lover Ray left her.

Goodall's conclusion: a man is like a bull. Once he has mated (either sexually, or in a relationship or both) with one woman, it is only a matter of time before that woman becomes old cow to him and he will leave her in search of new cow.



From a Darwinian perspective, this is the optimal way for a man to spread his seed and be reproductively successful. From a woman's point of view, this sucks.

Jane makes case studies of the men around her, of Ray, of her best friend's caddish boyfriend and of Jane's own roommate Eddie, a man whose span between old and new cows is usually a matter of days.

In further explanation, Jane discovers a description applicable to Ray, the description of a pathological narcissist: "Chronically bored, restlessly in search of instant intimacy—of emotional titillation without involvement and dependence."

Jane eventually profits from her dedicated theory development, both financially and emotionally.

Animal Husbandry is simply written, lapsing into twenty-dollar words only when quoting from a source book. The story of Jane is a familiar one to most women; if you haven't experienced the old cow-new cow syndrome for yourself, you know someone who has.

Zigman's theories, presented through Jane, are logical and frightening, but she neglects to mention the many men who *do* stay with women, and who are fabulous lovers, husbands and/or fathers.

While being a little unfair to men in general, Zigman provides an interesting read, certainly for women, and maybe even for men, too. As Jane discovers, "men are narcissistic enough to want to read about themselves no matter what is being said about them."

A & E Briefs

SCULPTURE: DIGNITAS

Dignitas, a sculpture by Professor of Art Rivers Murphy, will be unveiled publicly at the Bossier City Municipal Complex Friday at 9a.m.

Murphy's sculpture was chosen by the Bossier City Council from among 15 proposals. Dignitas is the first of five to be displayed in various locations in Bossier City as part of a five-year program developed by the Bossier Art Council to beautify the city.

Latin for dignity, Dignitas was begun in May. With the help of students James Borders and Gabe Richmond, Murphy created the sculpture over 85 consecutive days.

"It was a great deal of work getting it completed in time," Murphy said. "The students working on the project received a good deal of valuable experience."

The finished sculpture of welded steel weighs roughly 3,000 pounds, is 12 feet high, 21 feet long and seven feet wide.

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Rasputina: Cellist trio & NINer

Amanda Walker
Contributing Reporter

Rasputina:
How We Quit the Forest
Columbia Records

Hailing from New York ity, the female cello trio asputina have recently leased their second CD, *How e Quit the Forest*.

Co-produced by ex-Nine ch Nails drummer Chris enna, this album uses styles milar to Rasputina's 1996 CD, *Thanks for the Ether*, but Vrenna's influence is definitely sprinkled throughout.

In "Leechwife," lead vocalist Melora Creager's voice floats angelicly over grinding cello noise as she sings about life, love and the use of leeches in healing.

Other tracks to pay special attention to are "Dwarfstar," a Vrenna-esque song about a short, famous guy, "Sign of the Zodiac,"about you know what, and "Trenchmouth."

The old song "You Don't Own Me" made annoyingly popular by The First Wives Club gets a facelift, replacing the goofy 50's feel with dark sensuality.

Rasputina's lyrics often touch upon topics unusual to everyday conversation, such as "Rose K.," which is about senility from the point of view of the senile: "She knows that she forgot/That there's a story and she/Can't recall the plot..." A real heartbreaker.

Fans of music that resists categorization will find Rasputina refreshing and haunting. I find this to be an awesome album. If you would like a break from the normal chic rock on the radio, Rasputina is a great place to start.

That is, of course, if you don't mind listening to three corset-clad women who once opened the show for Marilyn Manson

A&E Briefs

NSU Marching Band: Fund raiser

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band will take part in "Bash at the Box" Thursday at The Press Box.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and continue until midnight.

The premiere band is Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs, with special guests The Billy O'Con Band, Flushed Out and Chain.

The cheerleaders, the Demon Dazzlers and the football team will make appearances.

Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for students who present their IDs.

Proceeds benefit the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band.

Beastie Boys: Hello Nasty

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Beastie Boys
Hello Nasty
Capitol Records

The masters of hip-hop are back again and in top form. The Beastie Boys return with their new album *Hello Nasty,* proving that good things do indeed come to those who wait.

Hello Nasty is a mosaic of sound pieced together by the powerful drumbeats and samples which are accompanied by witty and catchy lyrics which make this album an enjoyable experience on many levels.

The Beastie Boys have never been afraid to experiment with new sounds, and this album is no different with tracks ranging from their old-school hip-hop to jazz and one neo-classical piece entitled "I Don't Know."

While I can't say that I liked all of their experimentation, it was at least all interesting, and by my second trip through, I was hooked.

All I have to say about their first single, "Intergalactic," is that you know you've made it big when you can sample your own material.

Though most of *Hello Nasty* is the same hard hitting hip-hop that the Beastie Boys are famous for, they've also added several new and different styles into their mix.

"Song for the Man" is a commentary about today's society that falls somewhere into the arena of blues. Though the lyrics are somewhat depressing, the music itself is very mellow and full of beautifully mixed piano and horn sections.

The poignant "Song for Junior" and the Kenny G-ish "Grasshopper Unit" could almost be called light rock. But despite this, the Beastie Boys have transformed them into something new and good. These and the other tracks like them remain my favorites on the album.

This album brings back their unique brand of humor with such lines as "I'm intercontinental when I eat French toast" and a 30-second long hidden track entirely in Spanish, but I won't spoil what this one is about.

No matter what your taste in music, this is definitely an album worth investing in.

Or, as the Beastie Boys once asked, "So whacha' whacha' wanna doooo?" Buy the album--or at least that's what they're hoping for!

Congratulations to our new members!

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Cross Country on its mark

Mark Keough
Staff Reporter

Running through sprinklers, creeks and drinking gallons of water, the Cross Country teams have been underway preparing themselves for the 1998 Cross Country season.

With an outstanding 6th place finish on the men's side and a 2nd place finish on the women's side, last years Southland Conference Championships showed how well our Cross-Country teams are coming along.

While losing two former runners on the men's side, Jason Wingard and Robert Bonner, to retirement due to four years of running eligibility since last season, Coach Johnson has already been on the ball bringing in replacements. Hector Andujo, a junior college transfer from Phoenix, was brought in and looks to be a fine asset to the team.

Coach Johnson also lost two assistant coaches this past season, Tim Rosas, who graduated in May and moved to Houston, and Lady Demon former assistant coach, Bridget Cobb, who moved to Georgia.

"Losing Tim was a really hard thing to accept," Johnson commented. "To me, he was a very close friend and spectacular coach. To the guys, he was like a father, to others like a brother. He was a part of them that can never be forgotten, and his days at Northwestern will always be cherished."

"Coach Cobb also was a great asset and close friend to us," Johnson continued. "She had a big heart and outstanding coaching skills and techniques. She will also be greatly missed. I was really sorry to see both of them leave. I don't think losing them will affect neither the guys' nor the women's performances on the field, but losing them will definitely put me working full time now. With temperatures averaging in the 100s and still no sign of rain, were being careful this season to adapt our athletes to the heat and keep a close watch on their mental and physical conditions."

Most of last years runners have returned and are looking forward to a new season of running and winning. Four out of the top five runners from last year are returning, and Robert McCormick, who sat out most of the season last year from stress fractures (a runners biggest adversary), is recovered and bringing excitement back to the team.

Northwestern had not won a Cross Country meet in 20 years until this past fall. Junior Mark Keough and senior Jason Wingard running 1-2 overall, paced the Demons at Northwestern's own home meet to an outstanding team victory.

NSU placed five runners in the top nine after pulling away from second place Southeastern Louisiana.

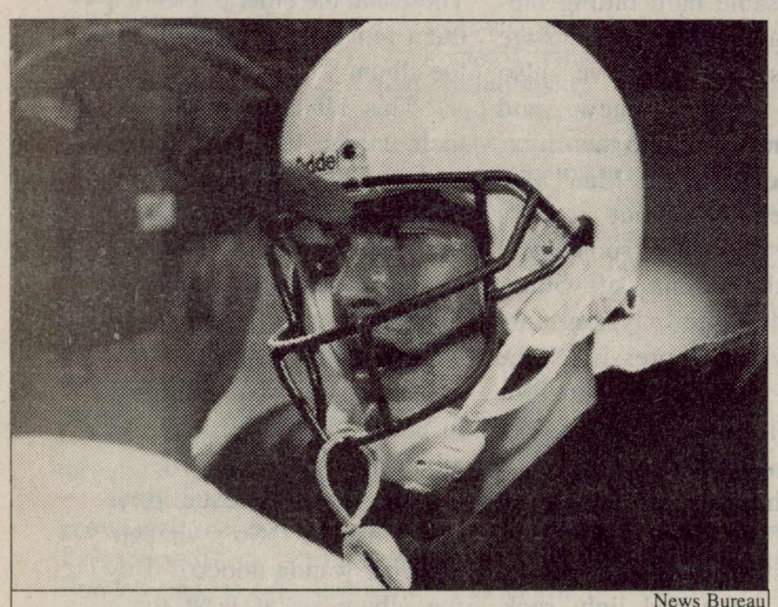
Not only once but twice the Demons captured a Cross Country meet title. The second one was at USL's Invitational in Lafayette, several weeks after the home victory. Again, Keough, leading the Demons all the way, captured the 1st place title.

Following in second and third behind him were former Lincoln Parish stars Todd Boddie and Chris Baker..

"I think we are just as good, if not better, this year as we were last year," Boddie said. "We are more developed as a team this year than we have been in a while."

"You bet I am ready" McCormick said. "We have a better chance of placing even higher at Conference this year than last year. I got in some good training over the summer, but I will say this heat in America is about to put me to the test. Placing in the top 10 is my goal, and the team we have this year is so dedicated, it's going to be exciting to see what happens in the future."

With the first meet in three weeks, the Demons are getting pumped and excited to start the season off, representing their school with pride, dignity, and honor and bringing home the championship titles they are working so hard to achieve.



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Senior transfer quarterback Cody Smith receives instructions from offensive coordinator Doug Ruse during the Demons second preseason scrimmage. Smith has emerged from preseason workouts as the Demons' starting quarterback.

Demons finish preseason

Jennifer Quebedeaux
Staff Reporter

The Demons ended preseason football Thursday evening with the Purple defeating the White 23-21 at Turpin Stadium.

Among the top players in Thursday's game, sophomore receiver T. J. Sutherland scored two touchdowns early in the second half.

The first touchdown came in the third quarter with 10:41 left on the clock on a 14-yard run.

Then, with 1:33 remaining in the game, Sutherland caught a 12-yard pass from senior Cody Smith.

Smith, completing 7 of 9 passes with an interception for 97 yards and the touchdown pass to Sutherland, was tops in statistics among the four nominees vying for the starting quarterback position. The touchdown pass earned Smith his fifth completion, ending an 8-play, 75-yard drive late in the third quarter.

Senior Warren Patterson, with 4 completions on 11 tries and a single interception for 48 yards passing, began the scoring with a 19-yard pass to junior wide receiver Chris Pritchett.

"We could do a little better," Patterson said. "We have a lot to work on. We all have the chance to start and play at quarterback. Overall we have a lot to work on in order to reach our peak."

Junior quarterback Brad Spangler, who had 8 completions on 15 attempts and an interception, concluded scoring with a 3-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Nathan Black.

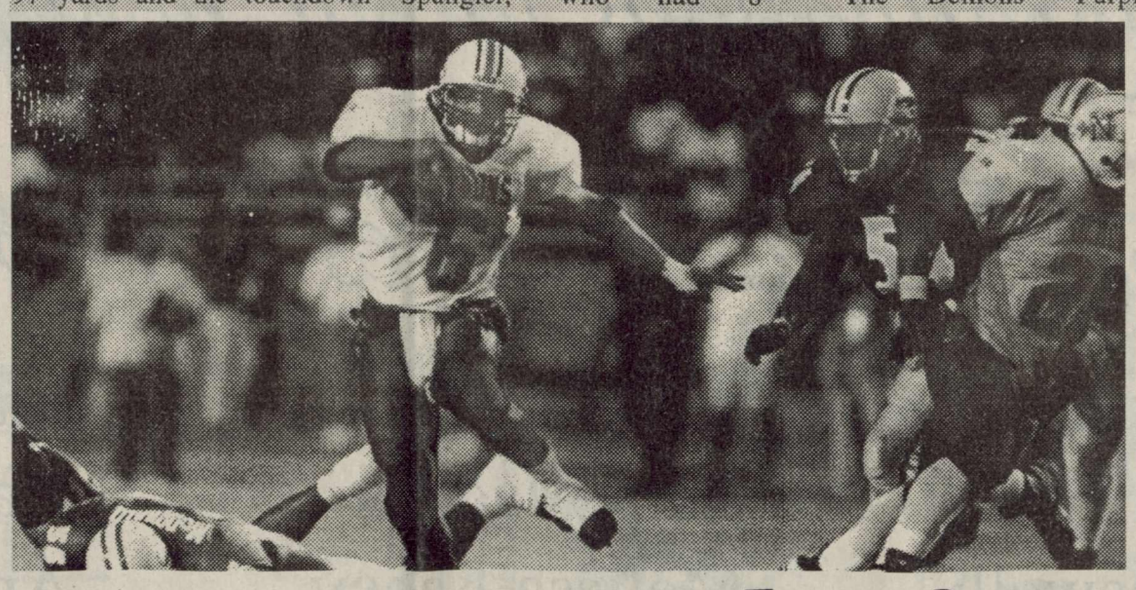
Senior transfer Bo Meeks, who started last year for Northeast Louisiana and threw for 346 yards in the Joe Delaney Bowl last spring, completed 3 passes on 9 tries for 30 yards and commanded a 12-play, 8:37-long drive that ended in a 40-yard field goal by Thomas LaToof.

"Cody really stepped up tonight and impressed," veteran Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. "Spangler, when he set up and threw the ball, looked good. But we'll break things down on tape before we make any decisions."

The Demons "Purple Swarm" defense violated the offense with six turnovers, including an interception by Michael Green that turned into 80-yard touchdown play. Green intercepted a pass by Smith at the 20-yard line, returned to the 45 and passed the ball to Kenny Wright, who trucked down the sideline for the touchdown.

"We were in man coverage, and I ran deep," Wright continued. "I got caught up by the man I was covering. Then Mike and I swarmed to the side, and I asked him to pitch it to me. He did, and I just ran it in."

Redshirt freshman Eric Laborde scored on a 28-yard run early in the second quarter with 13:04 left on the clock.



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Brian Jacquet, who got hurt during the Southern game this time last year, looks for a little pay back.

Soccer ready for action

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Though many of the faces on the 1998-99 Demon Soccer Team have changed, one thing remains the same: the goal of winning the Southland Conference regular season and tournament titles.

Entering their third year of conference play, the Demons, who are still riding on a wave of momentum after winning last year's conference tournament, have added a brand new coaching staff and 12 freshmen to complement returner players like junior Kelly Knapschafer and junior goalkeeper Wendy Woodham.

" We are looking for at least a .500 season," new head coach Pete Watkins said. " Our goal is to win the regular season title as well as the tournament title."

Junior midfielder Amy Fulkerson says that even though the team is young, she's not worried.

" Even though we're a new team, we will do well," Fulkerson commented. " We are all on the same level here. Everybody's stepping up."

Freshman midfielder Missy Payne also feels that inexperience will not be a factor this year.

" Soccer is a sport where one person can't win the game," Payne said. " It's got to be a total effort. We just want to win and have fun this year."

The Demons kick off their season at home today against Louisiana College. The game will begin at 4 p.m., and admission is free to all students with an ID.

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Quarterback luncheon set for Wednesday

Sports Information

The weekly "Demon Quarterback Club" luncheons will be held this fall on Wednesdays at The Landing Restaurant in Natchitoches and on Thursdays at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport, according to athletic director Greg Burke.

A monthly luncheon will also be held in Alexandria, with dates and other details to be announced soon, according to Burke.

Football coach Sam Goodwin, other Demon coaches and student-athletes will attend the events, along with special guests.

In Natchitoches, the upstairs banquet room at The Landing on Front Street will be the site of the Demon Quarterback Club luncheons. The $8 cost includes the choice of two entrees, a vegetable and small salad, choice of tea or water, tax and gratuity.

A lucky guest each week will win a free Sunday brunch at The Landing.

Table reservations ($48) for six persons can be made, and each person, group or business that reserves a table will get an entry in a year-end drawing for a free Sunday brunch for six at The Landing.

In Shreveport, the luncheons will be held in the Energy C room on the 15th floor of the Petroleum Club, located at 416 Travis Street. Free valet parking is available at the nearby City Parking Garage (corner of Edwards and Travis). The $10 per person cost for dinner includes a choice of three menus, beverage, tax and gratuity.

For the Shreveport meeting, RSVPs should be made each week by 1 p.m. Wednesday to Karen Dodd at (318) 357-5251

"We are very excited about the luncheons," Burke said. "The food will be outstanding, the locations are central and convenient, the parking will be easy and cost-free, and we will promise an entertaining program that ends in time to get back to the office. It's a great way to visit fellow Demon supporters and also to entertain business associates."

"We are doing this in a first-class fashion but at a very affordable price," Burke added. "We hope everyone will take advantage of these luncheons, week after week, to keep up-to-date on the progress of all sports teams at NSU, as well as news around the campus."

Smith adjusts to new volleyball program & town

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Demon volleyball team has high expectations for themselves this upcoming season, which begins Tuesday at Alabama.

One reason that the hopes are high is the fact that three top notch newcomers join nine returnees from a team that went 8-24 last season. These newcomers include highly-regarded outside hitter Jessica Smith, a freshman from Arlington.

As part of one of the most tradition-rich volleyball programs in the state of Texas, Smith enjoyed a stellar senior season, leading Arlington-Martin to the state quarterfinals. Arlington-Martin went deep into the playoffs during Smith's junior year, and as a sophomore, Smith helped the Warriors win the Class 5A state championship.

Coupling that success with some competitive club play and excellent summer training, Demons third-year head coach Mary DeJute expects good things from the freshman sensation.

"Jess is very much an intense competitor," DeJute said. "I expect her to do well this year and thus get a lot of playing time. Smith brings a solid, all-around game, including a top-notch passing ability and some great club experience to Northwestern, not to mention a tremendous amount of potential."

Smith chose NSU over teams such as UT-Arlington, Sam Houston State and Northeast Louisiana.

"I'm excited about the direction of the program here, and I liked [Coach DeJute] as well" Smith said.

The freshman outside hitter is adjusting nicely to the collegiate game.

"It's pretty much what I expected," Smith commented. "I had good summer conditioning, so I haven't had too much trouble."

The timing of the college game is a little different, but Smith continues to make the adjustments necessary, according to DeJute.

This ability to adjust has earned Smith the respect of her teammates.

"She has a good chemistry with the other kids, and when you earn the respect and get it, it complements the rest of the team," DeJute said.

Meanwhile, Smith has respect for DeJute.

"Coach is very positive and nice," Smith said. "She stresses fundamentals and communicates very well."

DeJute feels the same way about Smith.

"We are excited we have her, and excited about how she's fitting in," DeJute explained. "She is a freshman with a lot to learn, but she is well on her way, especially once she understands the whole scheme of things both offensively and defensively. She'll do well here."

Aside from volleyball, Smith is also adjusting to life at Northwestern and Natchitoches as well.

"I never thought I would get so excited about going to Wal-Mart, but I've gone about six times since I've been here," Smith joked.

Smith has not had time to miss Arlington-Martin due to practice and going to classes. However, she does call her parents nightly and writes letters to friends often.

Smith is enjoying University life and is content as a Demon.

The Demons feel likewise and are happy to have Smith onboard as well.

Smith and the Demons open the home portion of their schedule Friday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. against the University of Texas at Arlington.

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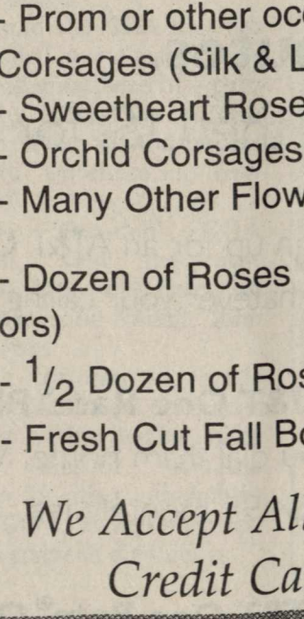

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IM referendum vote draws near

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

With SGA elections just weeks away, students must decide whether to approve a referendum for a renovated Intramurals building.

Students will have the chance to vote on Wednesday, Sept. 16 and 17, on a referendum which would expand the building from 39,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet.

The proposal calls for the IM building to be gutted and expanded to three floors. The new facility, which would be called the Demon Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center, will include an indoor jogging track, a day care center, a multi-purpose area for lounging, studying and watching television and a possible snack bar.

The proposed facility would be open from 6 a.m. to midnight from Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday; and 1 p.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Luke Dowden, SGA president, said the IM building will not be shut down during the expansion part of the plan. The building would only be closed during renovations, which should last approximately one semester. During that time, IM services will be moved to an undetermined location.

"We'll have plenty of notice," Dowden said, regarding the closure.

The proposal also calls for the creation of parking lots. According to Dowden, there will still be parking available in front of the IM building, as well as a staff parking lot and other student lots.

"We're solving two problems in one," Dowden said about the need for a renovated building and the lack of parking spaces.

The projected cost of the project is $6.9 million and will be paid for through a student assessed fee of $75 per semester. This fee will be used to pay for the construction and operation of the WRAC.

All students carrying five or more hours during the fall or spring semesters and summer school students carrying seven or more hours will be required to pay the fee.

Students will start paying the $75 fee this spring if the referendum passes.

Dowden said that, if all goes according to plan, renovations could be completed

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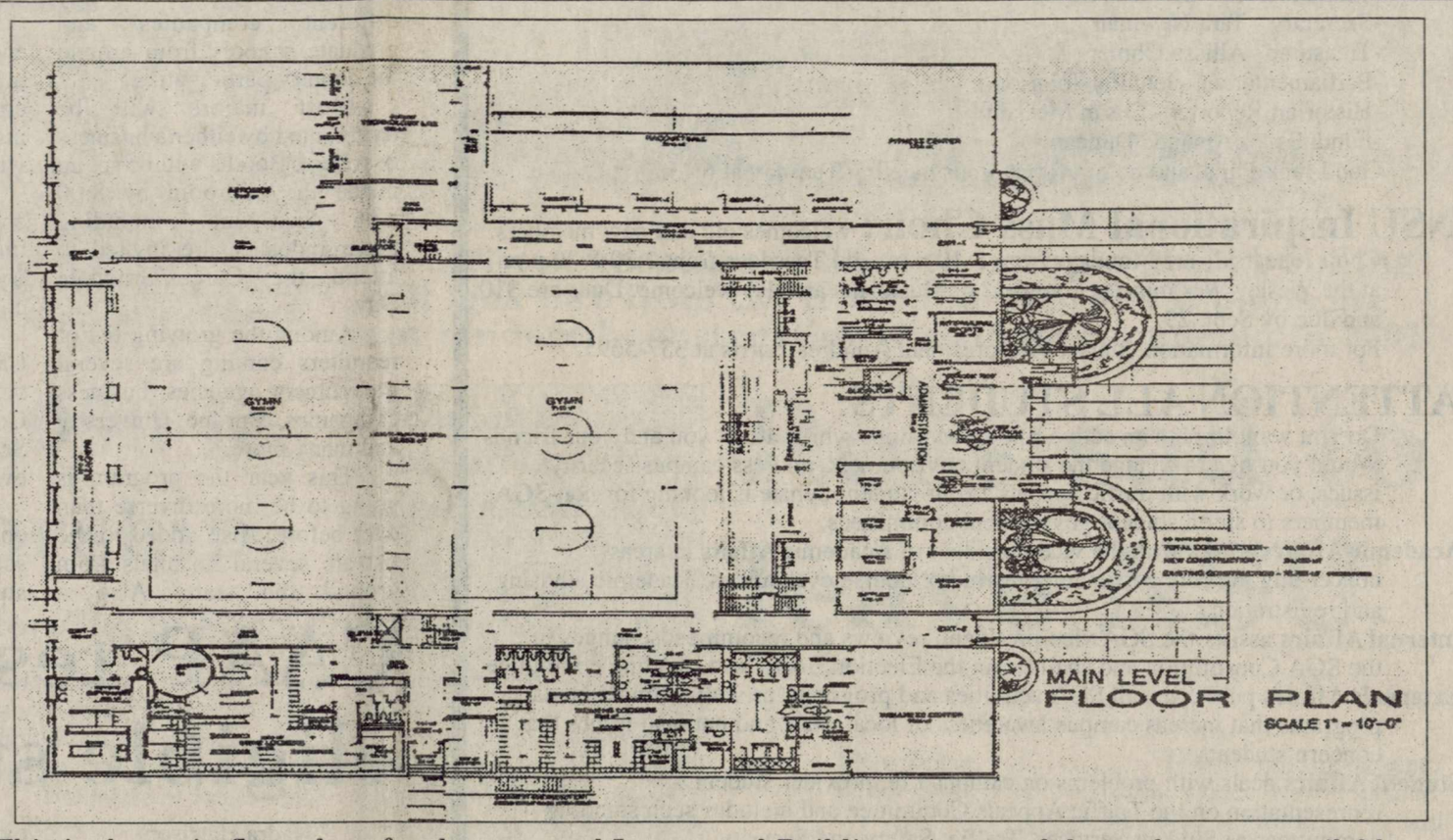


This is the main floor plans for the proposed Intramural Building. A copy of these plans are available at the Student Government Association office located in the Student Union. The referendum for the renovated IM building will be held Sept. 16-17.

Columns residents have choice on meal plans

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Residents of the University Columns Apartments do not have to purchase meal plans.

According to Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, students have the option of whether to purchase a meal plan or health services. The Louisiana System Board of Trustees' Policy states that all on-campus residents must have a meal plan. In order to comply with these laws, the University must offer a meal plan to all residents, inciuding those living in the University Columns. Northwestern has worked together with Aramark to design a meal plan especially for columns' residents. The University Columns meal plan can only be purchased by columns residents. The plan costs $385 and is designed to budget the student $5 per day for a 76-day semester.

"We have tried to use logic and reason to create a meal plan option that would meet the needs of an apartment resident," Seymour said.

If a student does not wish to take the meal plan, he can fill out an application for exemption. In order to be eligible for an exemption, the student must be classified as a military veteran, have a significant medical problem creating hardship if on-campus dining were required, have a significant financial hardship, be 21-years-old or older, have dined in an on-campus food service facility for six semesters, be married or divorced, be classified as a senior or graduate student or have other significant problem. Documentation is required.

According to Frances Conine, Director of Student Services, the majority of students living in University Columns purchase a meal plan. Some students even purchase larger meal plans, such as a Variable A or 14A plan.

"I feel that we have been very reasonable in our attempt to help students go through the exemption process and find an exemption that works for them," Conine said.

In addition to staying in compliance with board regulations, Seymour said that the meal plan option is also part of the University's commitment to address students' developmental needs.

"We identified some isolation experienced by students in the columns because of the regiment that apartment style living offers," Seymour commented.

The meal plan encourages students to interact with faculty, administration and peers. Seymour said that the meal plan offers students an opportunity to build relationships, while at the same time reduces the distraction of preparing three meals a day.

According to Seymour, the meal plan option has been successful. Each resident and his parents were contacted about the process of purchasing the meal plan.

Each University Columns resident was offered both the meal plan and health services options. On the same form, residents were offered the opportunity for exemption.

"Overall the plan has been received very logically," Seymour said.

New mascot uniform premieres

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The University's mascot, Vic the Demon, will be sporting a new look this year.

Vic made his debut during Friday night's pep rally wearing a smaller head and more muscular body. The new and improved Vic was even wearing his own Demon football jersey and pants.

The new costume is a spandex muscle suit. By wearing this suit as a base, Vic can wear different articles of clothing.

For example, Vic entered Turpin Stadium at Saturday's football game wearing a purple tuxedo jacket, black pants and an orange tie.

Freshman Matt Cummings, this year's mascot, warmed up the crowd by dancing and flexing his new muscles.

Vic, short for victory, has seen several costume changes throughout the years. In the early 80s, Vic wore a long cape and a cartoon-like mask. Other costumes include a lavender suede-like suit and a pair of shorts with a T-shirt.

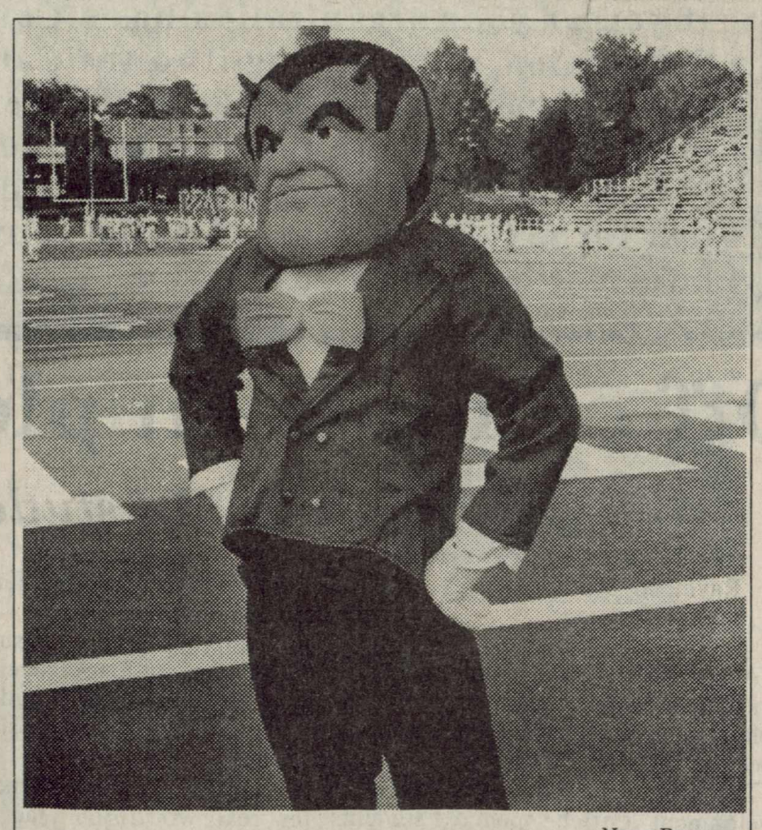
Talk of purchasing a new mascot costume began last spring when Niko Tesvich, last year's mascot, told the Student Government Association about the poor condition of the costume that was currently being used.

Tesvich, former SGA senator, explained that the costume had suffered a lot of "wear and tear" from several years of usage.

He told the SGA that the costume had sweat stains on it and was in great need of repair. After they viewed the uniform for themselves, SGA members voted to purchase a new costume.

Luke Dowden, SGA president, said the new costume's look was based on the drawings of student John Shamburger.

Vic's costume was made by a professional costume company in Ohio that has made several mascot costume uniforms for other universities such as Duke, Wake Forest and the University of Kentucky.



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Vic the Demon sports his new look during the season opening game with the Southern Jaguars. The new outfit, which costs *over* $3,000, was purchased by the SGA.

Local business sponsor Y2K seminar

•Public needs to be informed about potential problems

Melissa Z. Carpenter
Staff Reporter

The Small Business Development Center, along with the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce and City Bank & Trust, sponsored an informational seminar last at 6 p.m. in the Russell Hall Auditorium. The guest speaker was Lisa D. Traina, Senior Vice President of Data Services at First National Banker's Bank. Traina spoke to an audience of approximately 55 people on the Y2K (short for The Year 2000) Crisis.

If you are like many Americans, then you have heard of the term Y2K but are not sure what all the hype is about. The Y2K problem is both trivial and overwhelming at the same time.

" The Y2K crisis is the biggest technology challenge ever faced," Tori Tarver, NSU-SBDC training coordinator, said.

Unless fixed in time, almost all older mainframe computer software systems, many PCs and software programs and millions (perhaps billions) of embedded semiconductor chips potentially could crash on January 1, 2000.

This is because dates are critical to computers. Most dates programmed in computers are based on a two-digit year field; for instance, "98" instead of "1998."

There are several reasons why a two-digit field, rather than a four-digit field, has been the norm among programmers over the last 50 years, including high cost of storage in the early years of computing, and the limitations of computer systems.

The list of items that could be affected by Y2K problems are endless. Some of the more simple items that have embedded chips and could be affected are coffee makers, microwaves, electronic clocks, VCRs, telephones, answering machines and even some sprinkler systems.

A few of the more complex networks that are at risk of partial and even total failure are electrical power systems, telecommunications, transportation, military defense and government services.

Obviously there are solutions to this. The two-digit fields can be found and replaced with four-digit ones, and new software programs can be written to replace "legacy" programs that may be too difficult to fix.

"The Year 2000 software conversion is a major issue confronting people today," Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, said. "Estimated costs to make the conversion have been placed between $50 and & 75 billion in the United States alone."

The problem is time. All of the money in the world will not stop January 1, 2000, from arriving, so the best thing to do is be prepared, and the best way to be prepared is to be informed.

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Campus Connections

SGA Elections: The Student Government Association will hold elections on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students interested in running should get a form from the SGA office in room 222 of the Student Union. Forms must be turned in before noon on Friday.

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Good-luck Phi's, and do not forget your meeting Tuesday at 6:45.

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For more information contact vice-president Aundrea Harris at 357-5695.

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Fiscal Affairs not only assists the SGA treasurer in his duties, but also reviews the budgets and maintains accurate records of organizations which receive Student Association fees.
For more information and committee meeting times, call the SGA office at 357-4501 or stop by the office at room 222 of the Student Union
IM Forum: Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the Ball Room. Bring all your questions, because we have the answers.

If you or your organization has a Campus Connection, please bring it to the *Current Sauce* office in room 225 of Kyser Hall. The due date is the Thursday before the Tuesday's publication. Please put campus connections on a disk saved in text format, along with a printed copy. For more information call 357-5456.

Career/Graduate Day set for September 22

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

Counseling and Career Services will hold the annual Career/Graduate Day in the ballroom of the Student Union at 8:00 a.m.,Tuesday, Sept. 22.

There will be many different companies and graduate schools from around the country participating.

Most majors will be represented by either a business or school. Booths will be set up inside the ballroom by 8:00 a.m. Everyone, including undergraduates, are invited to attend the Career/Graduate Day.

Among the growing list of recruiters coming are several government agencies, business companies, Purdue University and many more.

This year the program is going to be more diverse than ever before. Also added to the list are several hospitals from around the state. Also a television station is coming to speak to the journalism majors.

"We want to prepare our students for the workforce by providing the most diverse selection of recruiters that we've ever had," Jennifer Maggio, Counseling and Career Services, said.

The Career/Graduate Day enables everyone to meet and talk with prospective future employers. It also lets students make a good impression with with these same people.

"You never have a second chance to make a first impression, so everyone should try to dress nicely and be courteous," Maggio said.

Although past turnout for Career/Graduate Day has been very good for the students, the Counseling and Career Services office is hoping for an even bigger showing.

With several new companies and graduate schools coming to recruit students, the counselors are hoping that everyone will come and speak with the recruiters.

In addition to hosting the Career/Graduate Day, the Counseling and Career Services office is also going to host several workshops during the week prior to Career/Graduate Day.

The workshops are going to be held at different times each day, so students can attend each workshop without missing out on another one.

The informational workshops are to help students prepare resumes, portfolios and learn how to dress appropriately when being interviewed by prospective employers.

The workshops are going to be held on the third floor of the Student Union.

For specific dates and times, students can contact Jennifer Maggio at the Counseling and Career office at 357-5621.

CAAP test to be given to eligible students this fall

Nadra Harrison
Staff Reporter

All undergraduate students that were enrolled in Math 1060, 1090, 2010, 2100, Biology 1020, Science 2010, 2020, Zoology 1230, or English 2050, 2060, 2070, 2080 during the 1998 summer session are eligible to take the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency this fall.

The CAAP test is a standardized test developed by the creators of the ACT to determine a student's proficiency in writing, math and science reasoning.

The CAAP program arrived at the University in 1994. Its main purpose is to evaluate the University's curriculum. It is the first large scale standardized test used to determine the effectiveness of the general program. It is very important that all students who take the test give their best, because the results are taken seriously.

"The CAAP testing reflects Northwestern as a whole," Dr. Neelam Kher-Durlabhji, head of the CAAP program, said. "Today more universities across the United States are using this standardized test to evaluate its curriculum."

The test is administered every semester. The scheduled dates for the fall are Nov. 2-13. Testing will be administered in the math, biology, science, zoology and English classes.

The CAAP test will be given once in each area. Students will receive results in the mail after the following semester.

For advisory purposes, all CAAP test scores are held on record.

Students who score above the 50 percentile in the spring will receive a certificate from ACT. 211 students, at 44 percent, will be awarded in the writing section, 354 students at 38 percent will be awarded in the math section and 269 at 44 percent will be awarded for science and reasoning.

For more information, call Dr. Kher at 357-6359 or e-mail at www.kher.com.

Off-campus employment office open to students

New program will aid students finding employment in respective fields of study

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

A new office was recently opened to provide off-campus employment to students in their respective fields of study.

The Job Location and Development Office opened Tuesday, Aug. 18, as a division of the Career Placement and Planning Office.

The new program will aid students in finding a job that best suits them in their respective fields.

The information needed to properly place students is obtained through a one-on-one process in which students meet with a personal consultant.

Part of this program includes help in planning long-term career goals, completing resumes and participating in mock interviews. Knowing these skills helps prepare students for real world job experience and, at the same time, allows them to decide if a chosen major is right for them.

The service also assists businesses by screening students based on the company's needs and the students' educational background and career interests. Applicants are referred to potential employers.

After reviewing a student's resume, the business then decides whether or not the student will be well suited for a position at that company.

One of the most important benefits of the program is the fact that it is absolutely free to students and businesses. This service doesn't just place students and leave them to fend for themselves.

A record of the employment conditions is kept through employee evaluations. If a problem ever arises, a student may contact his consultant, and the matter will be looked into.

Some businesses may be pulled from the program's database in order to avoid student employment in a bad business atmosphere.

In general, however, the students are the best indication to their peers on whether or not certain businesses are good employers.

Pay widely ranges and is based on the student's position, classification and the employer's difficulty in finding a qualified applicant.

A potential drawback to the program is that it is still fairly new. Therefore, the database of potential employers is relatively small. This presents a problem, since 75 percent of students are receiving some form of financial aid.

The biggest concern facing the service is providing placement for all the students seeking employment; however, this is considered to be only a temporary obstacle.

Ina Agnew, program director, said she could have greatly benefited from such a program while in college, but she "didn't take advantage of the opportunity." As a result, Agnew said that she may not have explored all of her career opportunities.

Agnew stresses the importance of the program for those students who have doubts about their career paths.

Agnew considers the program to be "proactive career placement," because students are given the opportunity to learn first hand if their field of interest is really what they want as a career.

Agnew believes it is also a chance for students to get necessary job experience and develop contacts in the fields while earning money for social or educational expenses.

Legals

Student Government Association minutes from August 31, 1998

President's Report

-We received approval for the Student Referendum, and it will come up for students to vote on in two weeks.

-Handed out copy of the approved bill for the new Vic the Demon costume (Bill #5985).

-Elections for new members will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17.

-Made a motion to appoint Brandon Mitchell to Senator-at-Large position...motion was approved by the Senators.

Vice President's Report

-Good job on Back to School Welcome event. Good job on everything Luke.

New Business

Election for Senate Chair. The newly elected Chair is Shawn Hornsby.

New Election Committee Chairman. The newly elected chairman is Kourtney Kentzel.

Election Committee Members were appointed by Luke Dowden and approved by the Senate. They are Greg Gelpi, Michelle Craig, (vice-chair), Caron Chester and Sybil Slatkin.

*This committee is responsible for finding three other non-SGA members to serve on this committee.

*Senate voted to give the power of approval to the committee members to select the new members.

More Elections:

External Affairs-Amy Ham

Internal Affairs-Shawn Hornsby

Student Affairs-David Gunn

Academic Affairs-Marcus King

Fiscal Affairs-John McConnell Club

Sports-Kourtney Kentzel

SAB non-voting member-Greg Gelpi

Special Reports

Welcome from Dr. Seymour. Welcome from Mr. Henry, who invited all members to visit him in his office if they need help.

Announcements

-Special Call meeting Wednesday at 9:00 pm. about the new referendum

-Office hours start next week

-Filings for elections are open

-Turn in your Senator profile sheets to Amy Ham- or else!

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IM ....(from front page)

as early as January 2001 and no later than 2002.

If the building is completed by 2001, sophomores and freshmen could use the facility during their final years on campus.

Those students who paid the fee but will not be here when the building is completed will also have access to the building.

For every semester a person pays the fee, that student can use the facilities for that equal amount of time, according to Dowden.

When asked how WRAC officials would keep track of how much time former students are entitled to, Dowden said that all information would be accessible by computer. Dowden assured that people who paid the fee would have access to the facility.

Students will not be the only source of income for the WRAC. Faculty and staff and alumni will be charged a membership fee, if they wish to join the center. A guest pass will be available for $5 per day, but all guests must be accompanied by a member. Full and half-sized locker rentals will also serve as a means of income.

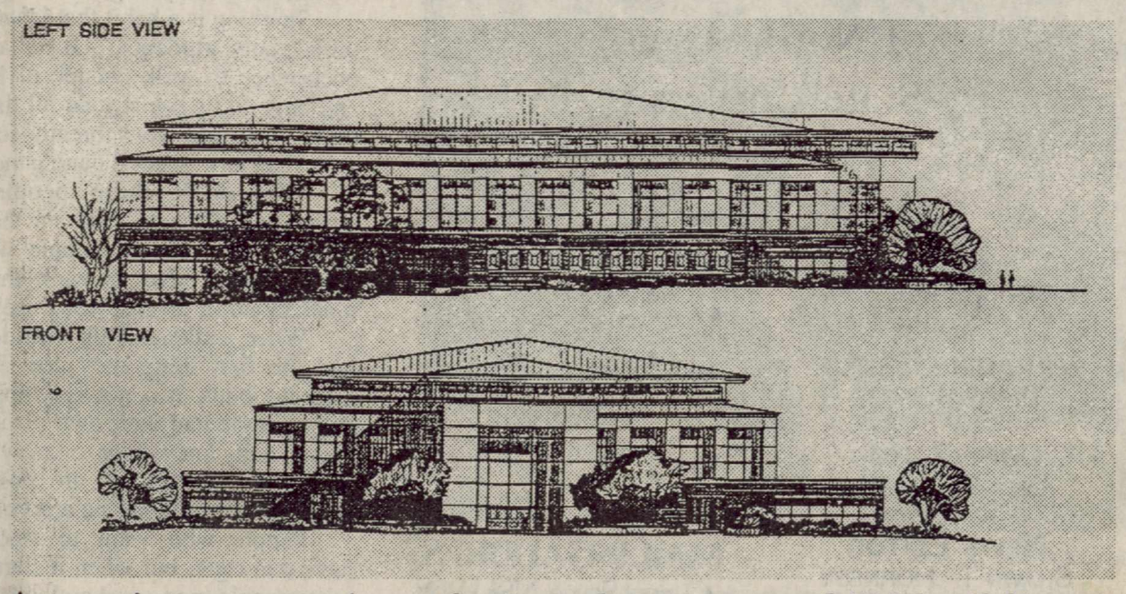
Despite the monetary costs, Dowden feels a renovated IM building would be a great benefit for students both physically and academically.

A survey conducted by officials at Texas A & M found that students who used their recreation center often made better grades than students who did not.

"Physical education is just as important as any other part of education," Dowden said. "That's why it's part of our curriculum."

Even though other improvements are needed on campus, Dowden said the SGA is just trying to do what the students want. In a survey conducted last spring, SGA members found that 82 percent of those students interviewed preferred a new or renovated IM facility.

"This is the first of a long line of improvements the SGA is planning for this year," Dowden said. "There are many improvements needed. The SGA is just following through on what the students wanted."



An artist conception of what the proposed IM building will look like from the front and the side. If plans are not hindered construction should be completed in 2001.

NSU receives $40,000 for endowed professorship

LA Board of Regents donates money, according to Savoie

Thomas Tobias Danna
Staff Reporter

The University has received a $40,000 check from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund to help create the BellSouth Endowed Professorship in Telecommunications.

Commissioner of Higher Education, Joseph Savoie, presented the money to President Randall J. Webb last week at a ceremony in Russell Hall.

"The BellSouth Endowed Professorship is going to allow Northwestern to do outstanding things in providing for the educational and training needs of the region through telecommunications-based innovation," Webb said. "Northwestern has traditionally been a leader in education. This professorship will enable the University to seek new methods to deliver education and training in an effective manner."

According to the News Bureau, the professorship will be awarded to a different faculty member each year. The faculty member will conduct research on effective educational applications of telecommunications; teach undergraduate and graduate courses modeling effective instructional uses of telecommunications technologies; advise the University Planning Council on trends in the use of educational technology; secure grant support for the training of faculty and students in the use of telecommunications technologies; and consult with local public schools on the educational uses of telecommunications technologies.

"One of the purposes of the endowed chairs for eminent scholars and endowed professorships program is to create stronger economic ties between the private sector and higher education," Savoie said. "Gifts to our schools are increasing at a record pace. I have to believe that this is at least partially due to the tremendous work our schools are doing and the improved confidence that the public is putting in higher education in our state."

To create an endowed professorship, colleges and universities have to raise $60,000 from private sector sources.

The Board of Regents, the policy-making and coordinating agency for all public higher education in Louisiana, will then match the gift with $40,000 from its support fund.

With the creation of the professorship, the University now has 13 endowed professorships worth $1.3 million. Dr. Webb said he is hoping to secure another one this year.

Funding from the Regents Support Fund Match is generated through a $540 million permanent trust fund approved by voters in a 1986 state constitutional amendment, commonly known as 8-G monies.

The trust fund has risen to approximately $875 million this year. The money was part of a settlement between the state and federal governments over offshore oil and gas money.

Each year, the Legislature appropriates half the interest money to the Board of Regents.

Chadick named head of La-Miss math association

Math Professor Stan R. Chadick has been named governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi section of the Mathematics Association of America.

As a sectional governor, Chadick will attend national meetings of the MAA, which makes decisions related to the operations of the organization that emphasizes mathematics education.

Chadick, who was elected to the post this summer, will serve a three-year term and attend the national meetings which are held twice each year.

"I am very pleased to be named," Chadick said. "This, to me, is the No. 1 mathematics association."

The MAA's main focus is on the teaching of mathematics, with membership mainly composed of mathematics educators.

Chadick said the organization also fosters research.

Ross sad to leave NSU

Elona Boggs
Staff Reporter

After five years of serving as the head of the Department of Language and Communication, Dr. Garry Ross will be leaving to take a position at Texas A&M at Kingsville. The position will be a step up in Dr. Ross' career. He will be the Executive Director of College I, which is on a dean's level.

"I'm excited about my new position, but I am sad to be leaving," Ross said. "I have enjoyed working with the people here. I think that NSU's faculty and students are among the best in the world."

Dr. Ross was hired in the fall of 1991 as a nine-month faculty member. He was then named acting head of the Department of Language and Communication in November of 1993.

Finally, in July of 1994, Ross was named head of the department when Dr. Ray Wallace resigned from the position to take over the Louisiana Scholars' College.

"I will miss everyone," Ross said. "I've especially enjoyed working with President Webb. He has been a mentor to me."

Thus far, there has been no official announcement of Ross' replacement. An acting head of the department will be named from the existing faculty.

After an acting head is named, the University will begin its search for an official appointment. Dr. Ross will officially resign today.

Garry Ross

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"You know, Mike, after all these years, the boys at Northwestern still talk about how you proved the professor was wrong."

Our View

Smoking, Smoking, Smoking

Smoking is a habit that is very popular with many students. It is a common occurrence to walk outside of Kyser Hall and have to tip toe around all the cigarette butts and hold your breath so that you won't get any 'second hand' smoke.

Why don't these people have a designated place to suck on these cancer sticks? Why should people who cannot stand smoke have to walk through this black cloud of disgust just to get to class?

When students walk outside of Kyser and the first thing they see is a pile of cigarette butts, it is not very appealing. If these people had their own place to smoke and actually knew how to throw a cigarette butt away when they are done with it, maybe this would not be a problem.

People who want to smoke should have that right, but when it starts affecting other people (non-smokers), it is something that must be dealt with.

Smokers deserve some designated areas to do so, but it is sickening to see all of the cigarette butts sitting on the ground. The University should supply some ashtrays around campus.

Also, a non-smoker should not judge a smoker and tell him to quit, because we all have bad habits that annoy other people, and we can all improve on these.

Campus beautification has always been a priority with the administration. After all, the Recruiting Office consistently uses our "beautiful campus" as an attraction to incoming students. Thousands of dollars are spent to change the flowers from season to season.

Yet, money has not been spent to buy some ashtrays for the smokers on campus. Granted, part of the problem falls on the percentage of the lazy and irresponsible smokers who litter the ground only five feet from existing ashtrays and trash cans.

For the most part, the University is responsible for the provision of such needed equipment.

For instance, when the SGA ban on smoking in dining halls passed, the SGA provided the patio equipment for smokers outside the Union.

In short,the administration should use the money they can save from buying perennials and spring for ashtrays, and consider it money well spent.

Health Talk

Weight Loss Possible

David Sullivan

In the recent past, the FDA approved and recalled many effective weight loss drugs like Fen/Phen , Xenical and Redux due to side effects on the users' cardiovascular systems, primarily the heart valve.

However, the FDA has approved Metabolift, a relatively new weight-loss drug on the market.

The makers of the drug, TwinLab, claim that the dietary supplement is not a drug at all, and that it's completely herbal and safe, but they admit that there are some side effects.

Metabolift, A.K.A. herbal fen/phen claims to reduce the appetite and speed up the metabolism. MaHuang Extract (ephedrine) is among the ingredients in the pill.

According to VRP Nutritional News, it is an herb that was originally discovered and applied to medicine by the Chinese 5,200 years ago. It was picked up by the U.S. in 1926 for the treatment of asthma and related conditions.

The Herb Research Foundation reports that the chemical ephedrine has been used in the past for obesity control, but TwinLab claims that ephedrine combined with the stimulant in the pill Guarana, another herb, and the mineral Chromium, should be three times more effective than taking ephedrine alone.

The rest of the pill contains a base of white willow bark and cayenne powder. These elements are basically an alternative to aspirin, which supposedly assist in catalyzing the fat burning process when combined with ephedrine.

The side effects are similar to the side effects of drinking too much coffee, like insomnia or the jitters. The Herb Foundation states that anyone who has high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes or thyroid trouble should not use ephedrine. They also recommend pregnant women to consult a physician before use.

Metabolift is just one of many dietary supplements with the three basic ingredients, MaHuang (ephedrine),caffeine or an alternative stimulant, and thermogenic base(aspirin). The mineral chromium is not considered essential.

Some knowledgeable health enthusiasts suggests saving $30 and make your own since the three main ingredients can be found in any drug store.

The Campus According to Casey

Applying for Graduation

Casey Shannon

For those of you who have not had the esteemed privilege of applying for graduation, allow me to illustrate some of the tasty treats you have in store for you.

It all starts with the mind-numbing realization that in less than one year (barring any (un)intentional breakdown) you will be referred to as NSU alumnist. Once this notion has registered, you must begin the final stage of this 4 year sabbatical from the real world. This stage has many names from the application process, to the academic descent, however I prefer to call it by what it really is, "The graduation scavenger hunt".

You are sent hither and thither, from one building to the next, and at each stop you are greeted by another smiling member of the faculty who has another clue as to where you should go. Eventually, you end this brew-ha-ha in a Dean's office, and realize that all Deans must have the same interior decorator as the guy who did the Gateway to heaven.

As you walk up to heaven's gate and are greeted by the Gatekeeper (the Dean's Secretary), you are handed a short fill-in-the-blank novel titled "My vacation at NSU".....or something to that effect. In this hardcover classic of a questionnaire you are asked several questions in reference to your stay and experiences on campus....believe it or not, this brings me to the moral of this lengthy tangent I seem to have gone off on.

For four years I have filled out the same evaluation of this school an innumerous amount of times, and for four years I have never changed my opinion on any of the topics mentioned in these obnoxiously redundant questionnaires....that all changed the day I came to heaven's gate.

You see, as a Hospitality Management and Tourism Major (which by the way is the most impressive department on campus) I have always offered extreme scrutiny towards the dining facilities on campus....thus, I can no longer.

If you have not had the opportunity to dine at Vic's this year due to remembrance of the way it used to be, then please allow me to extend a recommendation for you to give it one more chance. From one cynic to the next.....it is a delightful eating experience.

From the help in the serving lines, to the new ice-cream stand, and overall decor of the dining room.....Vic's is now an aspect of the campus that ALL students can take pride in. I recommend the NY Wrap....yummy!

Eye on Campus

IM has Potential

Gregory Gelpi

Potential.

Everything contains the potential for greatness, while, at the same time, contains the potential to be pretty darn messed up.

The Student Government Association's referendum for a new intramural building illustrates this duality.

Potentially, a new IM building would serve as a great recruiting tool, effectively increasing Northwestern's student population over time.

With more students comes more money.

More money translates into more revenue for other student programs and campus improvements.

Again, let me emphasize POTENTIALLY.

Potentially, fees for a new IM could also scare current and prospective students away.

Do the long-term benefits of a new IM building outweigh the short-term detriments of neglecting more essential academic concerns?

While Northwestern has the potential to be a school to be reckoned with, it is only through the student body achieving its potential that this is possible.

Elections will be held Sept. 16-17. At this time, the future of your spending money, the future of the IM program, and the future of the University will be decided by us, the students.

I'm not saying to vote one way or the other. I am saying to vote.

Don't vote the way your friends, your professors, or that big purple dinosaur say to vote. Vote the way in which you decide to vote after you carefully weigh all of the facts. (Note—facts are NOT things that some columnists say or that you overhear while stocking up on $.39 tacos for the week. Facts can be found at the Student Government office in the Student Union.)

Features

Features Office 357-5456

Fun with hypnosis

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board sponsored a hypnotist last Wednesday as another part of Welcome Week. Hypnotist Mark Maverick described hypnotism as simply neuro-muscular relaxation.

Maverick told the audience members to find a seat onstage if they wanted to be hypnotized. 10 students claimed a seat.

Three students were asked to leave the stage, because they were not hypnotized. The students who were able to be hypnotized did or believed anything that Maverick suggested.

With a snap of Maverick's fingers and the command to "sleep way down," the hypnotized students went to sleep. Maverick explained that it was a hypnotic sleep, which is not like the sleep most people get at night.

While the students were under his suggestion, Maverick told them that the napkins he was holding were $100 bills. He would drop some on the floor, and the students would snatch them up actually thinking the napkins were $100 bills.

One student thought he was Tom Cruise. Another student believed she was Madonna and danced for the audience. One student even thought that the broom he was holding was a woman and kissed it.

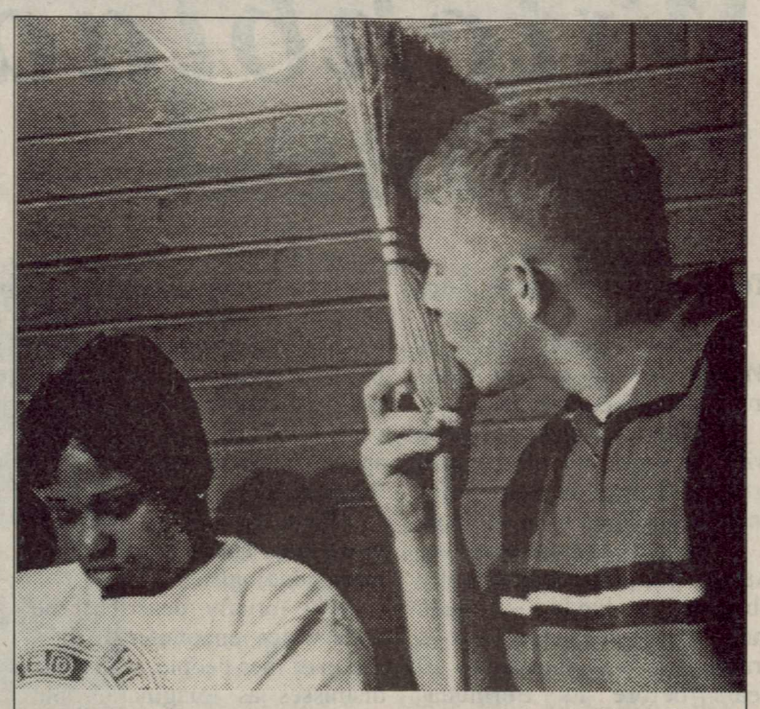
SAB President Ryan Scofield commented on the good turnout. He estimated that over 100 students came to the event.

Scofield said Maverick was found at a convention for comedians and hypnotists.

The SAB tries to bring a hypnotist at least once a semester and it has been successful many times.

"it really relaxes you," Tacia Estem, sophomore, said. "You feel rested, like you've slept for eight hours. I thought hypnotism was fake until I tried it. Now, I believe."

From the laughter of the audience, the event seemed to be a hit that went over well and entertained everyone present.



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One of the participants in Mark Maverick's demonstration kisses a broom while under hypnosis.

Granger reaching goals at NSU

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Dr. Greg Granger, assistant professor of political science, has found the right career path for himself, as he has attained his career goal of teaching at the collegiate level.

Granger entered graduate school in 1987 to work on a master's degree in history, though at the time he was unsure of his exact career goals.

"I was leaning toward a career in education but had not yet seriously considered becoming a university professor," Granger said.

In the second year of his MA program, Granger taught an introductory course in American history. Being assigned a three-hour night course was a bit unnerving for this first-time instructor, but Granger soon realized what he wanted to do.

Greg Granger

"After the first night's class, I was convinced that college teaching was for me," Granger said.

After transferring to the University of New Orleans for doctoral work in political science, Granger continued to work as a graduate student and later as an adjunct instructor at Delgado Community College.

"By this time, I was convinced that no other career path was as right for me as was higher education," Granger said.

During the final stages of writing his dissertation in 1995, Granger began applying to several universities around the country focusing his search on institutions that emphasized teaching.

"The position that opened at NSU fit this description perfectly," Granger said. "Although teaching a full load of courses while completing the dissertation was a challenge I'd prefer not to revisit, I succeeded in earning my Ph.D. in May of 1996."

Granger is happy at Northwestern and is happy to be helping the leaders of tomorrow.

"I am now a tenure-track assistant professor at a university that not only allows me to focus most of my energies on teaching, but also encourages innovation and academic freedom in the classroom," Granger said.

The Demon Dazzlers will travel to the University of Southwestern Louisiana this weekend with the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band to cheer on the Demons as they play for their second victory. This year's members include: **Front Row (L to R):** Suzanne Sewell, Jamie Freeman (Co-Captain), Rebecca Brettel, Celeste Gautreaux, Courtney LaCour, and Alison Bulot. **Back Row (L to R):** Sonia Chavez, Marla Sawrie, Darla Wheeler, Montray Cruel,Jaime McElroy, and Kelli Rivere (Captain). **Not Pictured:** Carrie Todd and Winter Sevier.

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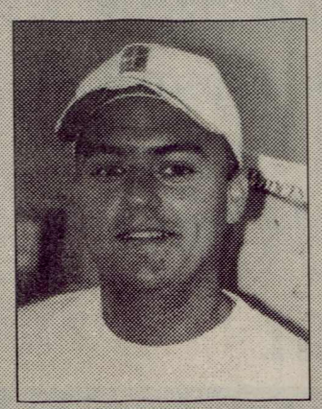
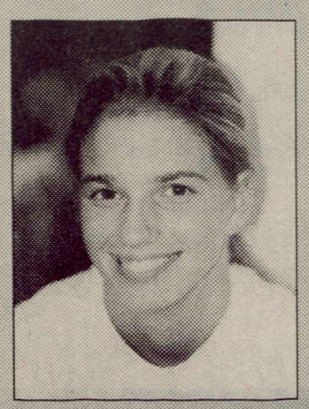


"I believe that we should get a new IM building, but 75 dollars a semester is a lot to pay for something we will never see."

Rocky Procell
Freshman



"That thing is going to be phat, and I'll probably be here and besides, its not that much money."

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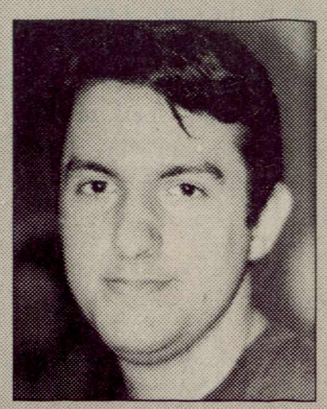

"I think it's a great opportunity for Northwestern. I think the students should take advantage of it."

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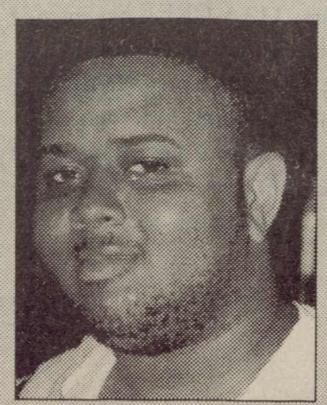

"It's a good idea, and it's about time they put money into improving the facility"

Roderick Barron
Senior

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Witchblade meets *Aqua-man*

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Fathom
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Michael Turner, artist of *Witchblade*, has a new baby, and her name is *Fathom*.

Fathom debuted last month with an issue full of the lush artwork Turner is known for and a mysterious story to boot.

The roots of main character Aspen are characteristically obscure, having been inexplicably orphaned on a cruise ship lost at sea for 10 years before its Bermuda-triangle-like return to port.

All the passengers were unaware of any missing time, and the first mystery of *Fathom* is introduced.

In a subplot, we become acquainted with a group of testosterone-driven fighter pilots pursuing an amphibious craft of unidentified origin, capable of reaching underwater speeds equal to and exceeding those of the jet aircraft.

Back to Aspen: fourteen years later, she is a voluptuous marine biologist.

She briefly describes the underwater encounter with a group of mer-people, which she dismisses as imagination but nonetheless gives rise to her life-long obsession with water.

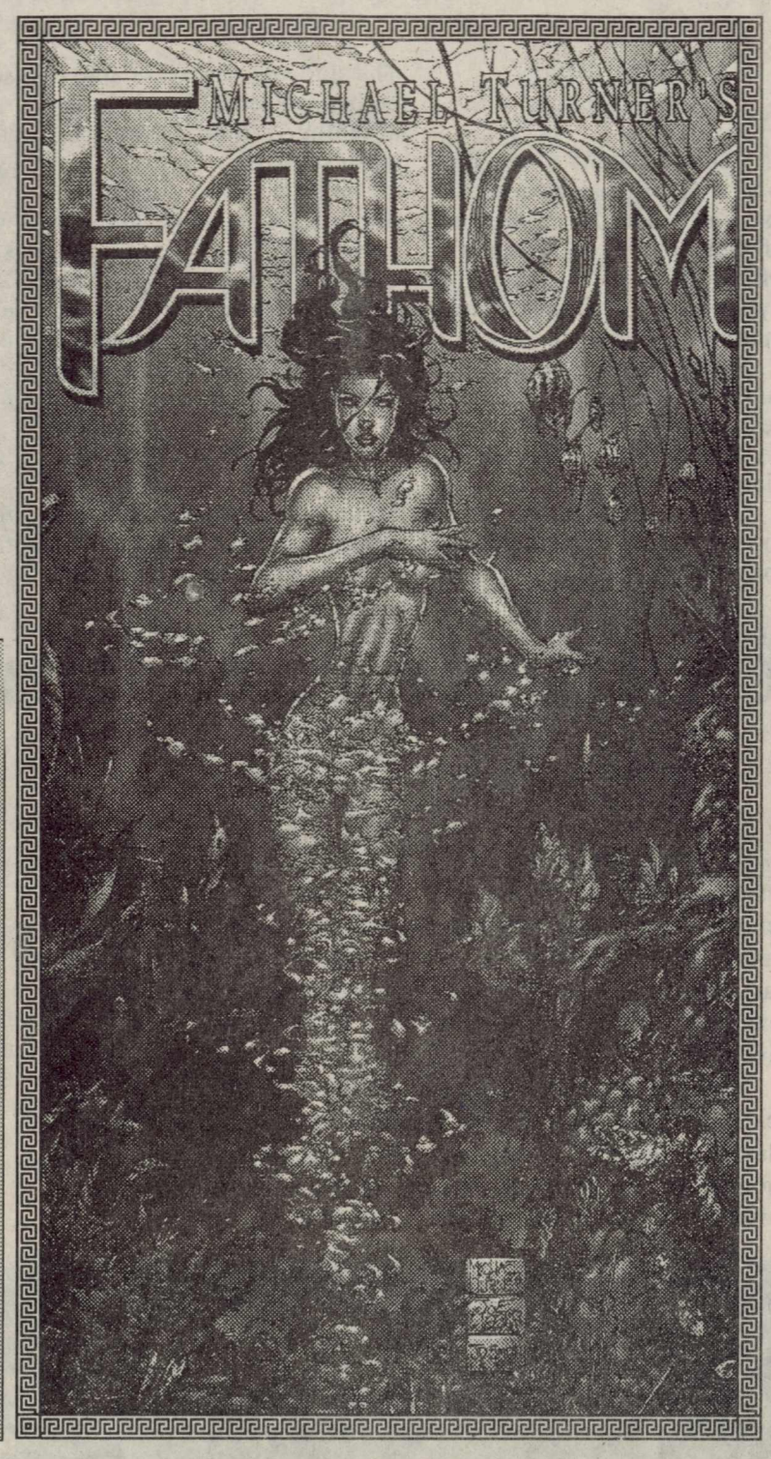
Called out on an assignment with the Deep Marine Discovery, an underwater research station, Aspen is shown the object of study. It's the very craft that was being chased earlier in the subplot.

Still, nothing is revealed about the vessel, for no one has even been able to figure out how to board it.

To top it off, the facility has discovered--or been discovered by-- some of the mer-people that Aspen had believed she imagined. After an altercation with armed guards at the facility, the mer-people vanished. However, one of the mermen is still at the facility, voluntarily, in underwater hibernation.

As if all this intrigue wasn't enough, there's a bonus cliffhanger ending to this issue, which I won't give away, but the story is already engrossing enough to warrant further investigation.

As in *Witchblade*, the artwork in *Fathom* is amazing. Of course, Aspen is victim to giraffe-with-breasts syndrome (sorry, feminists!), but the detail in the scenery and especially in the portrait of the hibernating merman is truly impressive.



Jazz legends visit

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Herman Leonard Exhibit

With a permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian and a cornucopia of celebrity portraits, Herman Leonard is no stranger to fame.

Through the month of September, the University is lucky enough to have an exhibit of jazz portraits by Leonard on display in the Orville Hanchey Gallery.

Included in this exhibit are photographs of Ella Fitzgerald, Sheryl Vaughn, Louis Armstrong and Dizzy Gillespie.

Also in the exhibit is a charming photo of a young Tony Bennett, a haunting shot of Billie Holiday bowing her head before a performance and two portraits of the grizzled Miles Davis, Leonard's favorite subject.

The magic of these photographs is that almost all of them were taken candidly with minimal lighting and no choreography.

Leonard's results are beyond beautiful, capturing the essences of those he photographed.

Having apprenticed shoots of such names as Albert Einstein and Martha Graham, Leonard became a successful fashion and commercial photographer in his own right, attracting the business of Marlon Brando and Paul McCartney, to name a couple.

His portraits of legendary jazz musicians were a personal hobby and largely unsolicited.

Tired of commercial photography, Leonard relocated from Paris to an isolated island with his family where they lived for eight years.

When his finances were depleted, Leonard returned to the world of photography using a newly assembled portfolio of his best jazz portraits.

Leonard met rejection before being offered a permanent display at the Smithsonian.

NSU is extremely fortunate to have a collection of this magnitude on display.

The exhibit is not only a shining example of master photography but also a slice of Americana. Leonard gives us an archive of musicians and singers who made jazz what it is, the only art form original to this country.

If you ever wanted to see the soul of Billie Holiday or if you were curious as to how Louis Armstrong held onto his cigarette while he played the trumpet, stop by the Hanchey Gallery this month and see for yourself.•

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Korn: Following the Leader

Mike Boyd
Staff Writer

Korn
Follow the Leader
Epic/ Immortal Records

Got angst? Korn sure does. Their latest release, *Follow the Leader,* is a wild ride through the dark side of American music. Korn has made it their job to explore and caution against humanity's underbelly. In the past they've spoken out against child abuse and pornography, prostitution and even nursery rhymes.

The new album is veritably crawling with social commentary. Their first single "Got the Life" denounces America's infatuation with the television while tracks like "Children of the Korn" (featuring Ice Cube) and "Reclaim My Place" deal with the group's battle with censorship.

One of the many guest vocalists on this album is Korn protege' Fred Durst from Limp Bizkit who joins John Davis on the track "All in the Family," a good old-fashioned name calling contest which serves as a nice break in between some of the darker songs.

Believe it or not, there is also a remake of the old Cheech and Chong song, "Earache My Eye" and, yes, that *is* Cheech Marin on vocals.

The bagpipes are back on one of my personal favorites from the new batch, "My Gift To You," which is probably as close to a ballad as Korn will ever play.

The music on *Follow the Leader* is more eclectic than on the first two albums, but it is also, far and away, the best of the three. The music is much cleaner, and John Davis has revived the raw, Turettsian vocals that gave their first album so much power and emotion.

Follow the Leader is out there. Are you Ready?•

Garza's euphoria

Sean Woods
Staff Writer

David Garza
This Euphoria
Atlantic/Lava Records

Imagine a record that compresses elements of rock and pop from the past four decades of the American Past. "Impossible!" you say. "Unimaginable!" you scream. It's difficult to say how, but David Garza is able to pull this grand feat off effectively on this marvel of an album.

Let me try to explain how in this next big run-on of a sentence. What you hear is a fantastic conglomeration of old 50s love songs, great 60s guitar rock, 70s echoed wah-wah feel, and 80s synth noises all wrapped in a neat 90s hi-fi package.

Top-notch lyrics are strung together with some David Bowie-like inspiration.

I assure you, this isn't the same old stuff that's being spun to infinity at the big radio stations.

If there is one down fall for this album, it would have to be that most of the album's content is about being in love. Maybe on his next album David will expand the subject matter a little more.

Though I could be wrong. singing about love may actually be a motivation that fuels his unique style of music.

Remember how the girls in the Ed Sullivan Show audience used to faint when their favorite rock stars came on stage? Well,the song "Flower" could probably make a nunnery keel over. It brings a familiar Richie Valens, "Labamba" kind of feel to the ears.

This Euphoria is an album with one foot in the future and one in the past of our ever-changing world of music.

Garza is somebody to get acquainted with.•

Galactic Cowboys

Lesa Thompson
Copy Editor

Galactic Cowboys
At the End of the Day
Metal Blade

The Cowboys formed in Houston about 10 years ago and have released one EP and four discs prior to "At the End of the Day," including the first two which came out on Geffen Records.

The new CD was produced, engineered and mixed by GC drummer Alan Doss. That's admirable. If the songs go over well, great; if they don't, the band has no one else to blame.

You also know you're getting 100 percent Galactic Cowboys instead of what someone else thinks is 100 percent Galactic Cowboys. That's rare in the music industry.

The music on "At the End of the Day" bounces back and forth between alternative and a more straightforward sounding rock with a bit of a punch.

It's energetic to the point of happiness, raw and not the least bit over produced. The music has an airy quality to it, and the vocal/harmony mix sounds like it's part Beatles, part Saigon Kick.

I follow a process with new discs. As soon as I open the packaging, I pull the whole thing apart and read everything contained therein.

Why? Because I want to know if the band has anything riveting, repulsive (or at least beneficial) to say, lyrically or otherwise.

Oh, happiness and joy, the Galactic Cowboys do.

The lyrics to "It's Not Over" read thus: Life just threw a left hook to my chin and knocked me down. Tried to get back up but sorrow pushed me to the ground. But I say..it's not over." I like that.

I think this one's a keeper.

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Sports

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Demons bottle up Southern Offense

Jennifer Quebeadeaux
Staff Reporter

A record breaking crowd of 16,706 filled Turpin Stadium Saturday evening as the Demons overcame the Southern Jaguars 28-7.

In addition to breaking the seating record, two other records took a nose-dive. By holding the Jaguars to minus 31 rushing yards, the Demon defense topped a 2-year-old record by six yards.

For the past five games, senior tailback Ronnie Powell has recorded at least 100 yards rushing per game. With 143 yards on 19 carries, Powell has broken a streak of four straight 100-yard games set in 1995 by All-American tailback Clarence Matthews.

Senior cornerback Jermaine Jones ran a 95-yard interception return back for touchdown to set the second longest interception return in Demon history. Former Demon and All-American Michael "Red" Richardson holds the longest interception return set 1983 against Southeastern Louisiana for 97 yards.

Southern controlled the ball from the air, as Sam George threw for 210 yards on 30 attempts, 12 completions and one interception. Cody Smith, who was slotted to start as quarterback, was replaced by Brad Spangle and, finally, by Warren Patterson. Patterson threw for 57 yards on five completions, one interception and a touchdown.

"Southern has a senior dominated, highly talented and well-coached football team," veteran head coach Sam Goodwin said. "Offensively, we sputtered at times, but you are going to sputter at times against a defense of their caliber."

With 13:20 left in the first quarter, Jones scored on the fourth play of the game on a 95-yard interception return, putting the Demons on the board 7-0.

Brian Jacquet put the Demons ahead 14-0 with a one yard run ending a six-play, 49-yard drive with 4:01 left in the third quarter.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'd say I did about a six," Jacquet noted. "We still have a long way to go, but I did see some improvement from start to finish."

Southern perked up in the closing seconds of the third quarter when George completed an 80-yard pass to John Foreman lighting their side of the scoreboard up 14-7.

"Take away their one scoring play and it was total domination," Goodwin said. "And if we got any coverage at all on that play, we hit the quarterback just after he released the ball, so if he had been forced to hold it any longer, we would have shut them out."

With 12:16 in the fourth quarter, Warren Patterson made a 27-yard pass to Nathan Black, completing a drive of two plays and 80 yards.

"I just turned around, and all I saw was open field," Black said. "I set my block up for Bernard Green, and he blocked the defender; it was just a walk into the end zone after that."

Powell topped off Demon scoring with a 75-yard touchdown run with 2:09 left in the game to bring the Demon a 28-7 victory.

"It was forty-nine, an ideal block by the fullback Darren Drago," Powell uttered. "He threw a nice block to keep me outside, and I read the corner. I was able to high step him a little bit, hurdle it and get over him. T.J.'s downfield blocking was excellent; he stayed with me the whole way and was there for me to put my step on it and take it on in."

The Demons are headed south this weekend, as they travel to Lafayette to take on the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Cajun Field. Their next home game is scheduled for the following weekend, when they will challenge Henderson State in Turpin Stadium at 6p.m.

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Kenny Wright disturbs Southern's quarterback during the handoff and eventually shut down Southern rushing defense.

USL home to some Demons

Jennifer Quebedeaux
Staff Reporter

Four football players travel home, as the Demons go down south to compete with the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Cajun Field on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

The rivarly between the Demons and the Cajuns dates back to 1909, when the Demons clobbered the Cajuns 47-0.

The last time the schools competed was in 1987 when the Cajuns handed the Demons a 13-3 loss--the first and only time Demon head coach Sam Goodwin and Cajun head coach Nelson Stokley met.

Offensive lineman William Broussard, a native of Crowley, feels that it will be a little different playing at home.

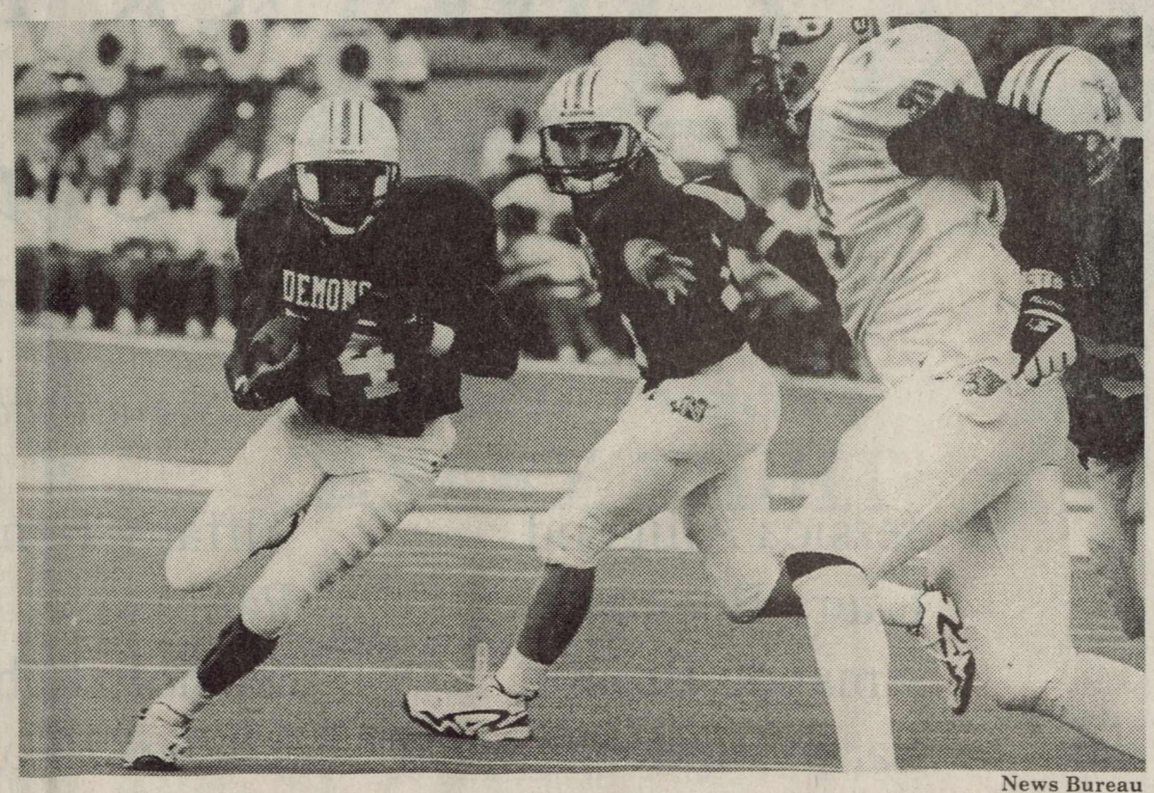
"I followed USL ever since I was a little kid," Broussard said. "My sister graduated from USL, and I always thought that they might recruit me. Playing against people I faced in high school will be a great oppurtunity. USL has a great football atmosphere."

Hailing from Opelousas, wide receiver Joel Comeaux worked out with some of the Cajun players over the summer.

"They were already talking trash over the summer. It was just chatter among friends," Comeaux noted. "We are going to bring a big Northwestern crowd to USL on Saturday. Its going to be pretty fun going home to play against old buddies."

Being from Lafayette, linebacker Jake Michel also worked out in the USL weight room.

"USL has a lot of good ball players," Michel commented. "We got along really well and they worked out just as hard. I met some of the players and some offensive linemen and they all have potential. We did some trash talking, but we were just joking around. I followed USL all of my life, and my dad even played there. It will be nice to go home."



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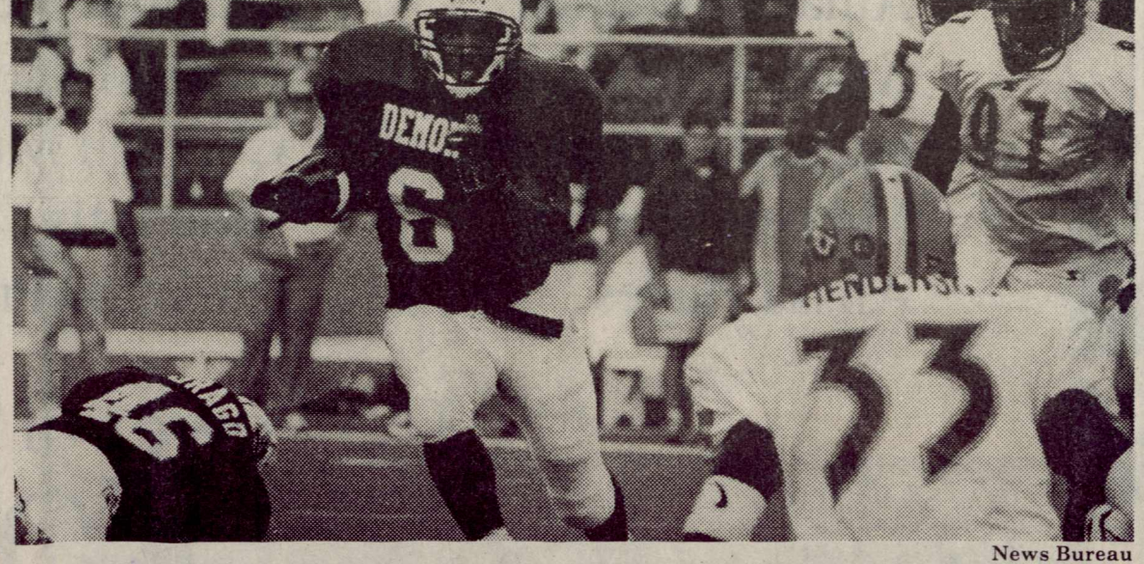
Senior Tailback Ronnie Powell darts around the side and runs for a 75-yard touchdown as the Demons beat the Jaguars 28-7.



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Senior tailback Brian Jacquet evades a host of blockers and tries to get the first down.

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Welcome back all of you college football fans!!! The rules are simple. Choose the team that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by room 225 of Kyser Hall on Wednesdays or call 357-5381.

Sports

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Cross Country team gets ready for next meet

Mark Keough
Staff Reporter

The Cross Country men's and women's teams are getting ready for their very first test, as they kick off the 1998 season in Dallas on Saturday, September 19, at the SMU Invitational.

Leading the men's side is, rather, hard to tell at this point and time. Hector Andujo, the junior runner who transferred from Phoenix, looks to be, pretty, promising to lead the men's side.

Unfortunately, Todd Boddie, native from Ruston, La., who placed second in the 800 meters at the Outdoor Southland Conference Track and Field Championships, looks very likely to give Hector Andujo an assuring challenge.

Robert McCormick, who is getting off to a slow start, after sitting out most of last season from injury, is getting back into shape and better every session. Chris Baker and Juan Londono are also candidates for the position.

Also only in his second year at Northwestern, former Menard High and Alexandria native, Danon o' Kelly, who had to, also, sit out last year from injury, is looking very strong, and competent to make a name for himself here at THE DEMONS.

Newcomers, who have come to help out on the team, are sophomore Robert Deramus, from Natchitoches Central High, and rookie, Kyle Thomas, from Shreveport.

On the women's side, most of last year's second place Southland Conference team is back. Running well, again, and getting stronger everyday

Junior Jody Gowdy out of Colleyville Texas and graduate of Grapevine High School, is looking very, likely, to lead her teammates into this season and at the invitational. Nevertheless,

Chante' Daily, another junior transfer, from Barton Junior College, Bayshore, NY. came into the season in tune and on target.

Record breakers, Crystal Traylor and Molly Wingard are also back.

Junior Molly Wingard, who broke the 1500 and 3000 meter records her freshman year, and led the Lady Demons at the 1997 Cross Country Southland Conference Championships, had to sit out this past track season from injury. After having time to heal up and clear her mind, she is now getting anxious, for some more record breaking goals.

Junior Crystal Traylor, who broke Molly's 1500-meter record that same year, came back and set the 800-meter record, also.

With all of these girls together, including freshman and newcomers, Emily Norton and Maggie Schwanz, the women's team is going to also be really strong and exciting to watch at the SMU Invitational.

"The SMU Invitational will be a good race to start off the season to test our guys and girls, and see, exactly, where they're at," Demon Head Coach Leon Johnson said, "The competition, we will face, is hard to tell at this point and time. This race is going to be a first test, for a lot of schools. SMU, themselves, have a good team, UTA never fails to disappoint us, and TCU has always had an, outstanding, team in the past."

With 11 days to go and counting down, the Cross-Country program is about to blast off with fast running and two teams filled with pride and character at the SMU Invitational.

Demons round out weekend winning two

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Three games into the 1998-99 season, the Demon soccer team has already surpassed last year's win total with two victories.

Last year, they won none.

The Demons scored 20 goals this week and won two out of three games in their first homestand of the year. The 20 goals this week also surpass last year's season total of 14 goals.

"We moved the ball around great," head coach Pete Watkins said. "No one was selfish, and we need to keep that type of playing mentality."

15 of the 20 goals were scored in one game in a 15-0 rout of the Louisiana College Wildcats. Coach Watkins' first victory came with a lot of other firsts; most goals in one game (15); most goals in one game by a single player (4, Brittany Cargill) and most assists in one game by a single player (4, Kelly Kahanek).

The Wildcats, who were playing in their first ever collegiate game, were shredded by the Demon offense, which scored 12 goals in the first half.

"We're trying to set a standard and show everyone how our season is going to be," Cargill said.

Cargill entered the game in the 21st minute, then scored three of her four goals in the next five. She then added her fourth late in the second half. The Demons scattered 15 goals between nine different players.

The win was also the first ever regular season and home win in Demon history.

In Saturday's matinee matchup with the Harding College Bison, the Demon offense gave way to great Demon defense in the 3-0 victory.

Goalkeepers Wendy Woodham and Tiffany Swingler combined on their second straight shutout, having six saves between the two. The Demon defense also held the Lady Bison to only six shots on goal.

Amy Fulkerson had two of the three goals on Saturday.

"Amy showed that she can be the best player on the field," coach Watkins said. "She has great speed, and when she hits her stride, she can be very dangerous."

Fulkerson also had two goals on Sunday, but it was not enough as the Demons lost to the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans 3-2.

Wendy Woodham gave up her first two goals of the year, but also had five saves. The Trojans' first goal came in the 13th minute, but Fulkerson's first goal came two minutes later.

After that, the Trojans added two goals late in the first half, the last by forward Mary Spauldin, to put the Trojans ahead for good.

Fulkerson's second goal came early in the second half on a breakaway, but a tough Trojan defense kept the slim lead for good.

The Demons' next four games are on the road, with games against Drury University and Belmont University, both in Little Rock. The Demons then travel to LSU and Southeastern Louisiana before coming back home to play Troy State University on Sunday, September 27.

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Demons win two during weekend

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

It was a long, hard week lled with highs and lows for he Demon Volleyball team. he Demons started the season uesday at Alabama, before eading to Denton, Texas for a ournament at the University of orth Texas.

In the season opener uesday night, the Demons tarted very slow and could ever find the rhythm in a 15-4, 5-3, 15-9 loss at the hands of he Crimson Tide.

"We allowed Alabama to ave a good start, and we were step slow in everything out here," Assistant Coach Mark ones commented. "It was as f we were thinking maybe a bit oo much, and not letting some f our instincts go."

It was a match which saw the Demons earn negative attack percentages in the first two games. The Demons did hit .212 in the final game, but it wasn't enough to stop the Crimson Tide, who hit .241 in the final game.

Freshman Lisa Abner recorded 8 kills, while Kim Hand added 6 kills and 5 digs. Missy Krause led the Demons with 14 assists. As a team, the Demons attacked at only a .047 rate while the Crimson Tide hit .304 as a unit.

"We need someone to step up in the passing department," Jones added. "We can't expect to be in the game when we commit 11 reception errors. If we make a lot of errors, the other team doesn't have to work that hard. We were a bit apprehensive and nervous. We just need more action and more communication on the court."

In each of the three games against Rice, the Demons led, but Rice came back to win each, en route to a 15-12, 15-7, 15-9 victory for the Owls.

"We should have beaten Rice, and the girls know it," Demon head coach Mary DeJute said. "We made some mistakes that cost us."

"It felt unorganized out there," Smith added. "We panicked a bit, and we just weren't consistent,"

The Demons hit .163 as a team, while Rice hit at a .304 average. Kandice Washington led the way in that category, by hitting at a .583 rate and adding 7 digs of her own.

"They were very beatable, we just didn't execute, and we weren't serving strong," Washington said. There were some high points in the match, but the low points hurt us more."

The Demons then played Baylor, who handed the Demons their second loss of the day, 15-1, 15-3, 15-6.

The Demons committed 10 reception errors, contrasted to Baylor's 2.

Washington led the Demons with 5 kills, while Krause added 15 assists and 5 digs. As a team, the Demons hit negatively for the match, attacking at a -.012 rate, while the Bears hit just .290.

The Bears, however, were paced by Dana Atkinson and Elisha Polk, who each had 11 kills, more than the total number the Demons could amass for the match.

"We should have hung with them. They are a very strong team, but we slacked off when we shouldn't have. Their offense was very fast paced, and they were very good," Washington noted.

Saturday was much kinder to the Demons, who started the day by beating the host team, North Texas, 12-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-5.

The Demons attacked at only a .149 rate, but UNT could only hit .086.

"The first game was more of a trial and error, but then things started going well, and we served more aggressive and the defense picked up," Washington said.

Northwestern closed the Mean Green Classic with a win over a scrappy Centenary team, whom the Demons will face again on Tuesday, September 22, in Shreveport. The Demons captured third place in the tournament with a 15-4, 15-6, 15-6 victory.

The Demons did not take Centenary lightly, but once they found the groove, things seemed to come a bit easier. The Demons hit .237 as a team, while forcing Centenary into 27 attack errors and 14 reception errors.

Centenary hit -.070 for the match. Washington and Abner again led the Demons with 7 kills each, while Krolczyk added 6.

Krause had 24 assists, while Sondra Lima led The Demons with 6 digs.

The Demons also served well, recording 14 service aces, including 4 by Kendra Peters.

"We did pretty well the second day; we had a lot of people contribute," DeJute said. "We're playing better as a team now, we're getting there. Now we must work on what went wrong in this past tournament and get ready for this weekend (the SMU Tournament.)"

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IM concerns heard in forum

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students have just days left to decide whether to approve a referendum for a renovated Intramural building.

The Student Government Association and the NSU Public Affairs Association sponsored a forum Monday in the Student Union Ballroom to answer students' questions about the referendum.

Students will have the chance to vote Wednesday and Thursday on the referendum, which calls for the building to be expanded from 39,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet.

A four-member panel was on hand to address general topics on the proposal.

Panel members were Luke Dowden, SGA president; Scott Bruscato, assistant director of student activities; W. K. Norman, facilities coordinator for the Physical Plant and Carl Henry, director of student activities.

Students were asked to write their questions on cards which were read to the panel by the moderator, Dr. Greg Granger, assistant professor of political science.

"I think it's a very important issue," Granger told the audience. "It affects every single individual, and it also affects individuals who aren't students yet, because it's something that goes well into the future."

General areas of concern expressed to the panel included IM parking, usage and the costs of the project.

The estimated cost is $6.9 million, which will be paid for through a student assessed fee of $75 a semester for students who carry five or more credit hours in the fall and spring semesters, and for students who carry seven or more credit hours in the summer.

"As we enter the next century, we need to be prepared for the increase in population and enrollment at our school," Dowden said. "One of the areas of education is physical education."

If the referendum passes, students will start paying the $75 fee this spring.

Panel members told the audience the project should be completed within three or four years.

One audience member told the panel that she was an out-of-state student who plans to graduate in May. Without introducing herself to the audience, the student said that if she is required to pay the $75 fee, she will not be able to afford tuition during her last semester of school.

The student then asked panel members to consider making a grandfather clause to exclude some students from paying the fee. As soon as she finished making her comments, the student left the meeting.

Several students wanted to know why the renovations could not be paid for by the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees.

Panel members explained that former President Robert Alost attempted to appropriate funds from the board. However, money was refused because, traditionally, students had funded these types of projects through self-assessed fees.

Senior Carmella Williams expressed her concerns to panel members about the need for other improvements for the University with regard to academics in particular.

"We don't come to work out," Williams said. "We come to learn."

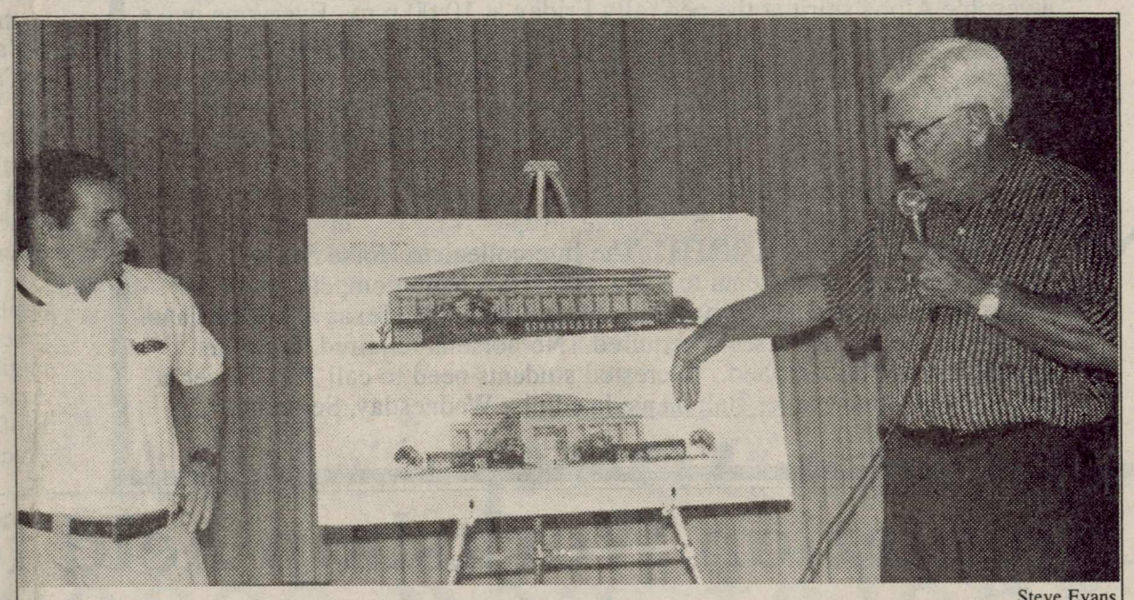
In response, Henry told the audience that people come to college to do more than just attend classes. Going to college meant experiencing everything a university has to offer.

Larry Collins, junior journalism major, came to Monday's forum to learn more about the referendum before making a final decision on which way to cast his vote.

"I really didn't have a lot of background information, so I wanted to come out tonight and get both sides of the issue," Collins said. "I'm still inclined to say no, because I don't think it was thought out. It needs to be revamped and presented again to the student body."

Collins said the panel should have consisted of a wide range of people who represented both sides of the issue.

"I didn't really agree with the forum because both sides weren't addressed," Collins said. "The panel was only made up of people in support of the motion."



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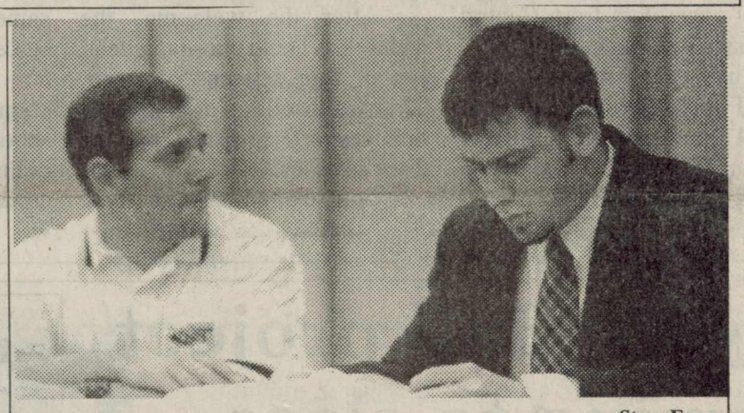
Assistant Director of Student Activities Scott Bruscato and Physical Plant facilities coordinator W.K. Norman discussed the proposal for the renovation of the Intramural Building at a student forum that was held Monday. The referendum will be voted on this week.



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Scott Bruscato and Luke Dowden answer students' questions regarding the IM renovations Monday night.w

Fund Drive working

Andrea Lemoine
Contributing Writer

Saturday, Aug. 1, marked the beginning of the Annual Alumni Fund Drive sponsored by the office of Alumni Affairs.

The Alumni Annual Fund Drive raises money for various Alumni Association functions, awards, scholarships and other projects throughout the year.

Money raised through the fund also assists in honoring alumni through the Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, the Golden Jubilee Celebration and distinguished faculty awards.

The Hall of Distinction award is announced at homecoming every year, and the Golden Jubilee Celebration honors the University's 50-year graduates.

A large portion of the money raised through the fund drive goes toward scholarships totaling nearly $16,000 awarded annually to students.

"We are extremely pleased and gratified by the large response received over the past year," Steve Horton, director of Alumni Affairs, said. "So many alumni respond to the fund drive letter that we feel that we will be able to reach our goal again this year."

The Annual Fund Drive is also responsible for the activities involving homecoming activities, alumni reunions, teacher job fairs, Greek events, the Retiree's Group and student recruitment. Also, a large portion of the money raised provides assistance with faculty activities.

The fund drive lasts all year and consists of monetary gifts from alumni and friends of the University.

Those who donate are eligible to receive a tax deduction, the quarterly *Alumni Columns* magazine, as well as other gifts based on the size of the donation.

The Annual Fund Drive is a way for alumni and friends of the University to give back to the school that has given to them.

Since its inception, the fund has supported every student's education in one way or another.

Donations can be made to the Alumni Association Annual Fund.

For more information, call (888) 799-6486.

Mathews named asst. band director

Debra J. Parker
Contributing Writer

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band is playing to the beat of a different drummer this year.

Jeffrey Mathews is now the assistant band director for the fall marching band and one of the spring wind ensemble concert bands. The position was created to allow Bill Brent, band director, more time to focus on administrative duties and help establish the new music education curriculum, as he hopes to make a difference, particularly in the area of curriculum.

"The band is probably the best band in the state. LSU gets most of the attention, but we're probably the best kept secret in the South!"

Jeffrey Mathews
Assistant Band Director

"I plan on maintaining the high standards that have already been established," Mathews said.

Mathews began teaching Instrumental Music Methods this semester. This class teaches students how to be a band director.

"It is a much needed class, and he is a wonderful teacher," Cherissa Legendre, president of Music Educators National Conference, said. "I can't believe people graduated from this school without it. The members of MENC are very excited about his teaching here."

Mathews, an alumnus, was the band director at Rosepine High School for seven years and was the band director at a high school in Garland, Texas for four years.

Earning the rank of second lieutenant, Mathews is the conductor of the 531st Air Force Band in the Texas Air National Guard based in Dallas.

Regarding, his return, Mathews said that he wanted to join his mentor.

"Ever since I graduated from here in 1990, I've thought of coming back," Mathews said. "Bill Brent is my mentor, inspiration and friend. Working for him is going to be a great experience. The band is probably the best band in the state. LSU gets most of the attention, but we're probably the best kept secret in the South!"

The band members appear to be excited that Mathews returned to his alma mater.

"Mr. Mathews has made an instant impact," Josue Rodriguez, drum major, said. "He has brought life and spirit back into the Spirit of Northwestern. He has brought a fresh perspective to both the playing and marching band rehearsals," Derek Carson, trumpet player, said.

Mathews writes the halftime shows at the football games. The first show took place on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Mathews and the Spirit of Northwestern invite all students, friends and families to join them as they rock on with the Demons!

Dr. Ray Wallace appointed as acting department head

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Dr. Ray Wallace has been made the acting head of the Department of Language and Communication.

"I am really excited about taking the position," Wallace said. "We plan to enhance and solidify our department."

Wallace replaced Dr. Garry Ross, who left to take the position of executive director of college 1 at Texas A & M-Kingsville.

Wallace previously held the position but left the department to take the job of head of the Scholars' College which became open during the middle of the semester.

At one point, the language and communication department ranked among the top in the state.

"When the state was looking at departments to duplicate, ours was near the top of the list," Wallace added. "We were second on the list right behind LSU. That is impressive."

Wallace has plans for the department, starting with student exchanges with other universities.

"We plan to have exchanges with some universities in Ireland," Wallace voiced. "I also want to attract more international students from abroad, so they can learn about American culture in an American environment."

Wallace also plans to upgrade the computer labs that

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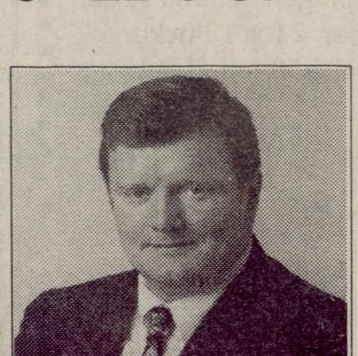

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Campus Connections

SGA Elections: The Student Government Association will hold elections on Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Hi Alphas! I'm sure you're all excited about our Boys and Girls Club luau on the Thursday at 3 p.m. Don't forget to change into your brightest Hawaiian outfits for the Theta Chi luau at 7 p.m.! Reminder for new members: Leadership Council will be meeting on Thursday at 6:30. All of you ladies in red be sure to show some of our awesome Alpha spirit at the pep rally Friday at 10:00 p.m. Everyone make sure you've invited your parents and alumni to the picnic Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Happy belated birthday to Aimee Springer and Tiffany Jeansonne. We love you! Thought for the week: Character is revealed in the little things-- who you are when no one is watching. Alpha Love and Roses!

NSU Horse Show Team: The Intercollegiate Horse Show Team is looking for students to join. The IHSA team competes in horse shows with colleges and universities from Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Some knowledge of horses is required. No horse is required, but other equipment will be supplied. Interested students need to call Tori Tarver at 357-5611 or email tarver@alpha.nsula.edu by Wednesday, September 23.

New program approved in applied sociology

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

The Curriculum Review Committee has approved a new concentration in applied sociology.

"This move not only reflects changes globally but in the sociology program," Dr. Roland Pippin, professor of sociology, said.

The new concentration includes a six-hour practicum in the senior year. Students will work with the practicum supervisor to determine placement.

Upon completion of the applied program and practicum, students may be eligible for certification by the American Academy of Professional Sociological Practitioners.

Many state agencies are now requiring degrees in applied sociology. State agencies and the private sector nationally recognize certification by AAPSP.

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> Dr. Roland Pippin
> Sociology Professor

General areas of certification include gerontology, criminal justice, urban planning, geriatrics, mental health, organizational development, chemical dependency, medical sociology, population, marriage and family, race, class and gender.

Those who receive a degree and certification in applied sociology will be designated Certified Sociological Practitioners. However, in order to keep the certification, an individual must complete 15 hours of continuing education per year.

The University plans to ask for a site visit from the Society for Applied Sociology in an effort to obtain accreditation.

Certain requirements must be met before entering the practicum.

Any student who is interested in this program should contact Dr. Pippin in office 343C of Kyser Hall.

Articulation Workshop held for high school counselors

Approximately 100 counselors and college reps were welcomed by President Webb and Chris Maggio

~~Crystal Swanner~~
Staff Reporter

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting held an articulation workshop for high school counselors from Central Louisiana last Wednesday.

The Admissions Office hosted approximatley 100 high school counselors and college representatives. The workshop started with a breakfast provided by the Louisiana Education Loan Authority.

President Randall Webb and Director of Enrollment Services Chris Maggio welcomed the counselors.

After the welcome, the counselors could chose to attend two of four sessions provided. The Counseling and Career Services office hosted two of these sessions.

One session each was held for crisis counseling and career planning. These sessions provided high school counselors with the opportunity to see what is offered to students in college and to learn how to offer the same services to high school students.

Another session allowed the counselors to discuss important scholarship procedures with college representatives from around the state.

After these informational sessions were over, a TOPS financial aid update was given by Sigmund Morel form the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Affairs. Morel spoke about the new requirements and procedures that students will have to meet and follow in order to qualify for the TOPS scholarship next year. This meeting was followed by a lunch provided by LACRAO, Whitney Bank and Bank One.

During the afternoon Jana Lucky, Director of Admissions and Recruiting, handled the scheduling for the 1999 college programs. She has also prepared several other workshops that will be held in others regions of the state.

"Jana Lucky and her staff did an outstanding job of coordinating this event and represented Northwestern well," Maggio said.

"It is always good to have counselors on our campus," Lucky added. "The workshop was a great opportunity to show our beautiful campus. I feel sure that the counselors left with a good impression and will relay their positive experience here to their students."

Overall, Lucky said the Admissions Office is happy with the results of the workshop.

Kyser Hall project coming to close

Excess bricks used around campus

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

The bricking project in front of Kyser Hall should be finished by the end of the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to W.K. Norman, coordinator of facilities, the project is scheduled for completion in two to three months. The state-funded work has been contracted to an outside agency, O.S. Johnson. While the project is being completed, excess bricks will be used to build crosswalks throughout the campus.

The new walks will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and allow students greater freedom of movement on campus.

There are no plans, however, to finish the flowerbed outside of Kyser Hall.

According to Jerry Smith, superintendent of grounds, plumbing plans have halted construction of the bed.

There has been no requisitioning of bulbs, dirt or necessary irrigation equipment for the project.

After drainage concerns have been resolved, construction will resume.

The ground next to the building has been barren for some time creating dust clouds during dry weather and mud puddles during wet spells.

The purchase of campus plants is generally done in the fall, as harsh weather conditions prevents planting at other times.

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Loose bricks like these will be used in other places around campus while the completion of the Kyser Hall brick project takes place. The project should be completed by the end of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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New scholarships to be awarded

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

The Department of Sociology will be awarding new scholarships in the fall. Marion Loftin, alumnus, left the department a considerable gift upon his death. Loftin taught for many years at the University of Mississippi before ascending to the position of vice president of the University.

"I am told from colleagues who knew him well, that he was, in fact, a giant of a man, literally and figuratively," Roland Pippin, professor os sociology, said. "He was a man of no pretenses. His legacy is that of a true scholar and a true altruist, witnessed by his gift to NSU and especially to sociology majors."

The number of scholarships available is not yet known. A departmental committee is currently in place to decide how the scholarships will be awarded.

Any student interested should contact Dr. Pippin in Kyser Hall, office 343C, or by e-mail at Pippin@alpha.nsula.edu.

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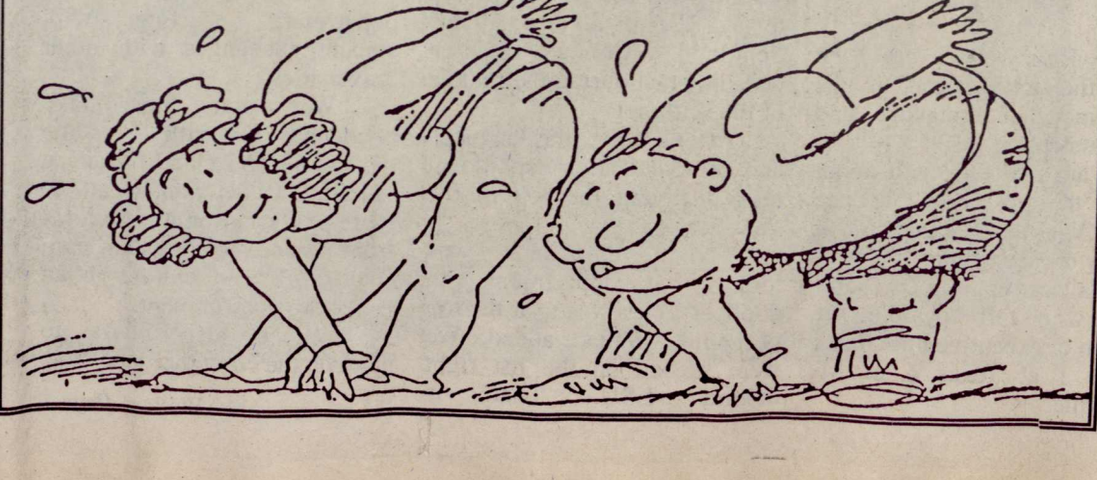

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CAAP tests gauge students' effectiveness in academics

Shawn T. Hornsby
News Editor

The results of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Progress test are providing a base to gauge the University's effectiveness in academics.

Dr. Neelam Kher of the Planning and Assessment Office received CAAP results this summer from the spring and fall semesters of 1997.

Kher said the scores are not a reflection of the entire University, but of the small percentage of students who actually took the test. For example, 368 students took the writing part of the CAAP test in the spring of 1997.

Students are asked to take the CAAP test as a way to measure the quality of education provided from year to year. Even though there are other assessment tests, Kher said the CAAP was chosen because it is most representative of the University.

"We are looking at the CAAP results to determine how students have improved," Kher said.

"The key is to encourage students to do their best. We try to add value to student education. We want to be able to say our students scored higher than they were projected to do."

Dr. Randall J. Webb
University President

Improvements are measured by comparing CAAP scores to ACT scores in the corresponding subject.

Results showed thatalmost half of the students are performing at the national average in the writing, math and science parts of the CAAP. In the writing and science sections, 44 percent of students reached the national average or higher, while only 38 percent reached it in math.

"I commend those students who scored at or above the national average," President Randall Webb said. "We feel we have an outstanding faculty."

The creators of the ACT and CAAP tests will send all students who performed at or above the national average a certificate of achievement.

According to Webb, the CAAP is a tool used to make changes in the curriculum that will add value to a student's education.

"The key is to encourage students to do their best," Webb said. "We try to add value to student education. We want to be able to say our students scored higher than they were projected to do."

Wallace ...

the department already has.

"We have computer labs that work most of the time," Wallace continued. "I would like to improve on what we have. I also would like to start a desktop publishing lab for students who need such software. This is one of the more content and relaxed faculties I have worked with. However, this is also one of the more productive. Professors will have a variety of courses that they can teach."

"I am happy that Dr. Wallace got the job," English student Andrea Lemoine said. "Dr. Wallace is a great professor. I have him for two classes, and he brings a great atmosphere with him in the classroom. He is very easy to work with. He takes time out of his busy schedule to help students with problems."

The acting department head also sees great things happening in the area of grants.

"I am really excited about getting grants," Wallace noted. "We have a lot of faculty writing grants and publishing things all of the time."

Wallace will continue teaching and plans to schedule meetings around classes.

"In all, we plan to increase enrollment," Wallace ended. "English is a great major which many lawyers and management personnel have when they attend graduate school.

We are going to hire more faculty. With more faculty, a higher enrollment and a variety of courses, we will be set."

Sabine Hall gets major renovations

Stephanie Martin
Contributing Reporter

Sabine Hall has undergone major changes. In addition to going co-ed, one of the campus' largest dorms is currently the site of a large-scale renovation.

According to Francis Conine, director of auxiliary services, several improvements have already been made to Sabine Hall. Over the summer, rooms were repainted, new light fixtures were installed and leaky showers were replaced with efficient ones..

One resident, however, feels that the efforts to improve Sabine Hall could have been greater.

"I really don't think they renovated that much," junior Belinda Williams, said. She is a first-time resident of Sabine Hall. "I visited my friends there when I was a freshman, and the only changes you can really tell they made are in the bathrooms."

Renovations to Sabine, however, are not quite complete. Plans are also underway to convert the lobby into several study rooms for residents. Although this particular project is not yet finished, Conine says she is hopeful that progress on this will resume shortly.

Sabine Hall will also be the site of the first of two computer labs to be built for students' use. This project is part of a campus-wide effort to install computer labs in all dorms.

"We started with Rapides and Sabine, because most of our students live in [those dorms]," Conine explained.

Currently, Boozman Hall is being wired in preparation for installation of a computer lab. It is next on the priority list because the distance from it to the nearest computer lab is quite some distance.

Conine hopes that all dorms will have functioning computer labs by the end of this school year.

'New Faces' program showcases new talent

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Freshmen and transfer theater students will display their talents this week at the annual New Faces program.

This year's program will be held today at 7 p.m. in Theatre West. All students are invited to attend.

Dr. Vicki Parrish, assistant professor of theater, said the annual program is a chance for students to display their talent or technical expertise in a particular field.

"For many, this is their first time on stage," Parrish said.

The program will begin with a group opening number directed by Dr. Jack Wann, theater director. Students will then give an individual performance directed by Parrish.

Parrish said 47 students will give a 90-second performance that could include singing, acting, dancing or playing a musical instrument.

New Faces is more than an opportunity to meet new students. It is also a chance for people to preview what talents await the theater program.

"We usually have about 35 students," Parrish said. "Their talent is superb. This is one of the most outstanding classes as a whole."

Both old and new theater students are hard at work preparing for the upcoming production of George Gershwin's *Crazy for You*. The tap musical, which will be held Oct. 8-11, is relying on the talents of experienced theater students as well as freshmen and transfers.

Rebecca Brettel, a transfer student from the University of New Orleans, is dance captain for the show. Brettel said she has enjoyed her short time with the theater program and is looking forward to her first production at the University.

"It's wonderful that everyone wants to work together," Brettel said. "I've gotten a good sense of family from the theater."

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Our View

Elections are supposed to measure how a population feels about a particular subject or get into office the person who is the people's choice. Many times in today's society, elections are not reflective of the population because the majority of people don't turn out to vote.

People complain about how bad the political situation is, but on election day, they do not show up at the polls. People who do not exercise their right to vote have no right complaining about the way things are.

If elections are to work, we all have to get out and vote. If you do not know much about the particular issue or election, take time and learn what you can. It is important for everyone to be involved in the political process.

This week elections will be held for SGA positions and a new wellness and recreation center.

There is little argument that there are important issues on the line for the students' approval. In the next two days, new SGA senators will be elected as well as a new SGA treasurer. All of this is in addition to the big issue of the Intramural Referendum. The bottom line is that whether you like the candidates or not, and whether you are for the IM proposal or against it, you need to speak your mind. Put your money where your mouth is and vote.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the destiny of the new IM building is in our hands; whether it passes or fails does not matter, because the point is that we must have a good turnout at the poll.

The SGA makes a numerous amount of bills for the students to vote on. In the past the turn out on voting has been pretty bad. Everything you like or dislike has been voted on, whether you voted or not.

Voting is easy and painless. There is really no excuse except pure, unadulterated apathy. If you abstain from exercising your right to vote, than you have no grounds to complain, regardless of the outcome.

Abstaining means you have no opinion. This is sad considering that this country is founded on the rights to express your opinion.

The Naked Truth

Andrew Kolb

I'm not paying for IM

There has been a lot of buzz going around campus lately about the upcoming vote on the new IM building. Many people are quite passionate about their support for this referendum. I, on the other hand, am not.

I will not argue with anyone about our need for a new facility. Our current facilities have the charm of a Medieval dungeon. I will, however, argue about the way that our institution proposes we go about the renovation.

I'm not going to say that the plan is not well thought out, because it is. It is probably the fastest way to get a new IM building.

I think that it is wrong on principle. The SGA as well as the many people in the administration want us to asses ourselves $75 per semester for the next 25 years to fund this project. The problem I have with this is that we already pay plenty of money to attend here.

When a student pays tuition, it is like any other business transaction. The student is the customer and all the school's services should be included in this price. Sure, you have options like different meal plans, but all fees should be covered by tuition.

I am not fool enough to believe that our school can be run on tuition alone. If it were, we would pay much more, and this would be a private school.

This is a state owned and operated school. The whole idea behind state schools is to provide a reasonably priced education. They are able do this, because the state provides the rest of the money that is lost from lowering tuition.

My point is that I have already paid for IM facilities as well as all the other services a school provides. The fact that our present facilities stink is not my fault; it is the state's fault. We (or our parents) have paid taxes and tuition, and now are asked to kick in some extra money to pay for a facility that should have been here long before now.

At some point in time, our state government decided that higher education was not a priority. Now someone has decided that every time a state school needs some capital improvement, it is the students' duty to pay for it. IT IS NOT OUR DUTY--IT IS THE STATE'S DUTY.

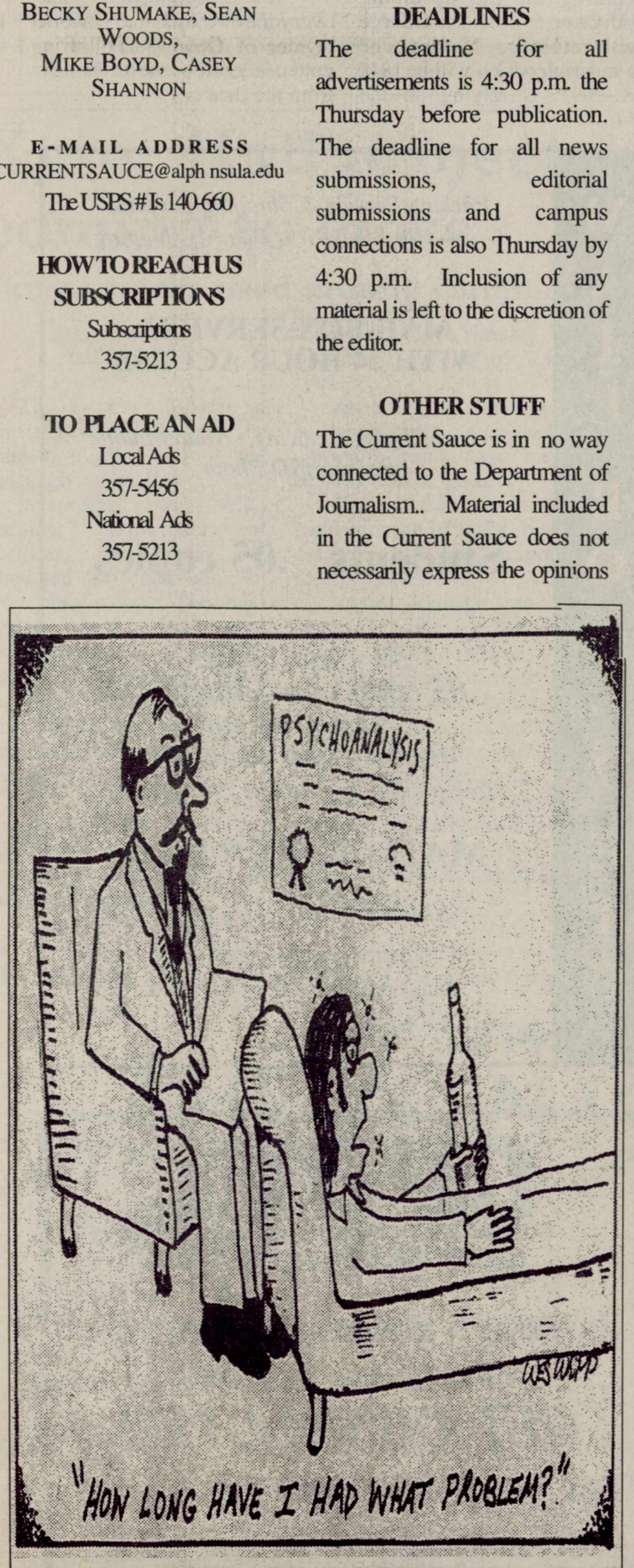
Proponents of the referendum say that other state schools have been forced to assess themselves for their facilities. That is no comfort to me because the fact that we and other state schools in Louisiana have to do this is a symptom that our education system is screwed up. Do schools our size in say, Kansas, force their students to pay for capital improvements? I don't know, but that's who we need to be compared to.

Last year the SGA gave $100,000 (which came from student fees) to the library. Why? Because the state doesn't provide enough money for books to our library. Why do we have to keep footing the bill for the state? I guess the state government figures that as long as we'll keep coughing up money and not complaining, they've got it made.

By voting for this referendum, you're saying "The state has squandered my tax money as well as my parents money. They have also mismanaged my tuition. But all that is OK. I'll just hand over some more money and take it on the chin for Northwestern."

Well, I can't do that. I'm tired of living in a state that's government neglects higher education and expects me to pick up its slack. Our government needs a wake up call.

This referendum won't change the course of history, but voting "no" is a start.



The whipping post by Wes Whipp

Letter to the Editor

As president of the Alumni Association, I take this opportunity to express my unequivocal support for the proposed new wellness and recreation center and encourage students to vote for the project in this week's election.

Northwestern has made extraordinary progress in academics, athletics and overall excellence in recent years, and a facility for wholesome and enjoyable physical activities would provide expanded opportunities for the university to attract new students and enhance campus life at a time when student recruitment is becoming increasingly competitive.

Other universities across the state and nation have special facilities for intramural programs and other physical fitness and wellness activities, because those experiences are becoming more important not just in the lives of university students but in society as a whole.

Just as Northwestern students did more than two decades ago in approving fees for a golf course and recreation complex to serve future generations of students, those who are currently enrolled have an opportunity to enhance and enrich the university for years to come by voting for proposed wellness and recreation center.

Because the university already has existing intramural facilities in an excellent location that can be renovated and expanded, the proposed center could become a campus showplace that will stand for decades as a source of pride for the university and its students and especially for current students who demonstrate the vision and foresight to make the new recreation complex a reality.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to continue the progress and pride that have been so prevalent at Northwestern in recent years. Vote for the wellness and recreation center to make your alma mater and even greater university in the 21st century.

Thank You.

Tommy Chester, President
NSU Alumni Association

From the Editor

For the past few weeks, a common topic of discussion has been the IM referendum. There has been an endless flurry of information bombarding the psyche of all students. I feel it is imperative to provide everyone with a condensed version of the plan for their contemplation.

The overall plan is to transform the 39,000 sq. foot IM building into an 80,000 sq. foot facility. The WRAC, as it is known, will have many desirable attributes. An indoor track, a daycare center and a multipurpose area for lounging will be some of the more attractive features of the facility.

The building is expected to be completed no later than 2002 if everything goes as planned.

These things come at a price. The total cost of the facility after payoff will be an estimated $12,548,738. This figure includes construction, planning and generated interest. Yearly operation of the complex was estimated at $396,000.

All students taking more than five hours in both the fall and spring semesters and seven hours in the summer will be assessed $75. The application of the fees will begin in the spring if the referendum is approved. The $75 fee will have two purposes; $42 will be used to cover production cost, and the remaining $33 will be used to cover the yearly operation costs of the facilities. At the end of the 25 years, the $42 fee will be abolished, leaving the $33 to remain. In short, there will be approximately $22.5 million generated from the proposed plan.

Here are the facts as they stand; Do what you will with them. Whether for or against does not concern me, but the voice of the student body must be expressed. Exercise the right to express your views. Vote.

Features

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Stacey ready for new position

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Mary Edith Stacey was recently named the Director of Auxiliary Services, and with her new position, she inherits a host of challenges.

Stacey takes over the reigns of the post in the midst of several projects. Among them is the current painting of the Rapides lobby, the renovation of Sabine Hall's lobby, and she is also working on the privatizaation of the residence halls.

This privatization is the same as that which has occurred with the food services, the University's bookstore and the vending machines on campus. A private company is hired out to maintain and manage daily operations.

Mary Edith Stacey

When asked how this would affect the student life in the dormitories, Stacey said that the plans were still in developmental stages, and that it was too early to say. Stacey started attending meetings with companies regarding this on Monday

Stacey made it clear that this is a long term project and will take about two to three years before it is implemented, if it will be.

Also, there has been a $160 increase to live in the residence halls. This increase was put into place by the State Board of Trustees before Stacey took her position. Stacey said that there also will be another increase in the near future. While the exact amount is not known, it will be similar to the one that has already taken affect.

Stacey said that the increase in dorm fees will be used for projects like the remodeling of Sabine Hall's lobby, the Accent computer lab added to Rapides Hall as well as the soon to be added security system there. The rest will be used for for general maintenance.

"We have older residence halls on this campus that are in need of general maintenance," Stacey said. Some of this maintenance includes new doors,locks,plumbing, and the painting of walls.

Mandy Eaton, a graduate student and the CAPA Wing House Director, said of the increase, "If it's coming back to the students, then I think it's great".

Not everyone takes news of increase very well, however. Carey Grigsby, a sophomore, said, " I feel that we are already overcharged and I don't feel that fees should be raised".

Stacey says that the biggest change facing NSU in terms of residence halls this semester is the addition of the CAPA Wing to the Sabine residence hall. This addition made Sabine a co-educational dormitory.

When asked if there where any ideas that she personally wanted to see done, Stacey said " I really like the concept of the CAPA Wing because it allows students who are there to learn to be together." Stacey also believes in bringing in more educational things into the residence halls, like the Accent Lab in Rapides.

Stacey received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1991 from NSU as well as Master's degree in Education in 1996.

BSU members attend rally in New Orleans

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Several students spent their Labor Day weekend focusing their attention on growing as Christians through CrossSeekers Covenant living.

Around 40 members of Baptist Student Union (BSU) joined over 4,000 college students in New Orleans for CrossSeekers: A Celebration of the Covenant. The weekend's activities included speakers, conferences and concerts.

These events served as a kick-off rally for a movement of college students characterized by the Cross Seeker Covenant.

Cesar Isgitt, a sophomore Psychology major and member of the BSU, attended the rally.

"On the campus level, I hope the CrossSeekers will be a spiritual awakening for students to realize the necessity of Jesus Christ in their lives, " Isgitt said. "On a personal level, I pray that it will be a call for a greater commitment from every Christian."

The CrossSeeker Covenant includes six major areas: Integrity, Spiritual Growth, Witness, Service, Purity and Christlike Relationships. The covenant challenges students to a deeper commitment to these six areas.

According to Bill Collins, Northwestern's Director of Baptist Student Ministries, the BSU will be meeting weekly to study the six points of the covenant. "I think college students as a whole did not see in their parents a deep level of commitment to Christ. CrossSeekers is reactionary to that as students find their faith and how to express it," Collins said.

CrossSeekers is open to students of any denomination. Even students who did not attend the kick-off rally are welcome to take part. There are currently around 150 students participating in CrossSeekers and their is still room for more.

CrossSeekers meets at the BSU every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. The worship is entirely student led and includes praise music, discussion and bible study. Following services, accountability groups will be meeting. These groups will be used to assist students in their attempt to be a part of covenant living.

"I pray that there is a spiritual awakening of all Christians taking a stand for what they believe in," BSU president Jennifer Hill said. "I hope the campus is awakened to the fact that God is here and he is evident."

Anyone with questions about the CrossSeekers can contact the BSU at 352-5464 or Jennifer Hill at 357-4111. The BSU can be reached by e-mail at BSU@alpha.nsula.edu.

This year's Varsity Cheerleaders include: **Front row: (Lto R)** Sandy Kilpatrick, Lydia Starns, Melissa Zande, Abbey Norwood, Laura Turner, Tara Ragsdale, Lori Miller, and Natasha Meadors (Captain). **Back Row (Lto R):** Bart Miller, Steve Evans, Ben Beebe, Tim Traylor, Tom Mesloh, Joey Hinderberger, Dennis Franklin, and Josh Merritt (Captain)

Greek Reunion planned for this weekend

Emily Leonard
Contributing Writer

Over two-hundred Greeks will return to Northwestern Sate University on Sept. 18-19 for the All Greek Alumni Reunion, hosted by NSU's Office of Alumni Affairs and Student Activities.

"It is basically the first time that we have attempted to bring back all of the Northwestern Greek Alumni," Steve Horton, Director of Alumni Affairs, said. "This is the largest reunion we have hosted. We are very positive about it."

The All Greek Reunion will be reuniting some chapters that are no longer active on campus. The response from alumni has been overwhelming, according to Reatha Cox, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

"Well over 200 have already registered for the weekend. The numbers are climbing each day," Cox said. "We have had such positive comments from each alumni who have registered already. We have received an RSVP from as far away as Alaska.

Friday night will begin the festivities with an All Greek Reception in the Student Union Ballroom hasted by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, and the National Order of Omega. Following the reception will be the "Demon's Come out at Night" pep rally.

Saturday, the Alumni will spend time with their respective chapters from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Greek alumni can then tailgate up until game time outside of Turpin Stadium. Complimentary tickets will be given to the Alumni and their families to watch NSU play Henderson State.

Cox and Horton hope that this will become an annual event for alumni to look forward to coming to with their families.

"This is the first time we have ever pulled the Greeks together, but it is bringing with them a wealth of student involvement," Horton added. "They have always been so visible on campus in all organizations."

There is no cost for the weekend. For more information, contact Steve Horton at (318) 357-4414 or Reatha Cox at (318) 357-6511.

"Current Quotes"

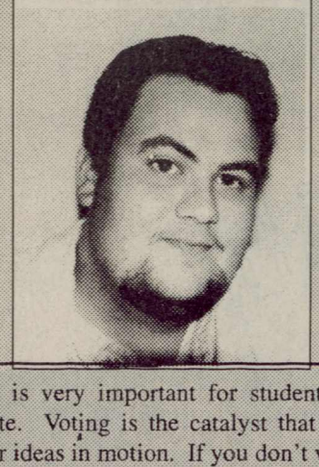
Do you think it is important for students to vote?

" I think it is important because if we want anything done it's up to the students to make those changes."

Tiffany Walker
Freshman

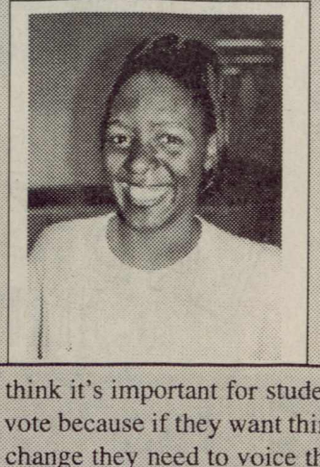
"If students want the right to complain, they need to take their right to vote."

Sarah Murff
Sophomore



"It is very important for students to vote. Voting is the catalyst that sets our ideas in motion. If you don't vote, your opinion does not get counted with the others and you lose your right to complain."

David McFarland
Junior



"I think it's important for students to vote because if they want things to change they need to voice their opinion."

Kadokrayia Beckworth
Senior

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Celebrity Skin: the evolution of Hole

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Hole
Celebrity Skin
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Forget, if you will (if you can), the past four years. Forget the movies, the magazines, the makeovers and even Kurt what's-his-name. Let us travel back in time to a more angst-ridden and manic depressive period in all of our lives. I like to call it high school.

Remember the first time you heard Courtney Love scream? I sure do. Wasn't it magical? Somebody out there was just as pissed off, confused, and bored as the rest of us. "Someday you will ache like I ache," she said, and each of us thought of that person in our lives that she was singing about.

Now let us return to the present. Four years was a long time wasn't it? We've all come a long way and now Hole is back. They've come a long way too.

The new album, *Celebrity Skin*, is a chronicle of the evolution not just of Courtney Love's life, but our own as well.

Is the old angst still there? Sure it is, but we've all learned a few things. Anger without direction and pain without us nowhere. Life is an sound our lives make.

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I'll admit I was skeptical when I first picked up this album. Yes, the music has changed, but haven't we all? The important thing is that the magic is still there.

A band very rarely releases an album that is excellent all the way through, but a band who can do this twice in a row is almost unheard of.

Every single track on Celebrity Skin roars with life and love and pain and anger. Every single track spun out the evolution of a generation. Every single track spoke to me. To all of us. How many different ways can I say that this album is superb?
And this is coming from a skeptic.

I usually pick a few songs that i was particularly impressed with, but this time I found myself unable to pick any song that I was less impressed with than any other. My only disappointment was that there were only twelve songs to be fascinated with.

So don't wait even if you have to sell everything but your stereo to get the money. Go and find *Celebrity Skin.* If you don't agree that this is one of the best albums you've heard in a long time then feel free to send your copy to me. What are you waiting for? Go.

Twelve easy steps to being a car-jacker

Sean Woods
Staff Reporter

Grand Theft Auto
(Sony Playstation)
Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.

Welcome to the world of *Grand Theft Auto*, a game where you can steal some poor sap's car to make drug runs, hits or simply wreak total destruction. You perform all these misdeeds while trying to outrun the friendly law enforcement officers of the city.

This game is intended for mature players (17 and over), so all you youngsters out there might as well just skip this review.

This game is about imaginary violence. I repeat, it's *not real.*

A lot of people will condemn this game because of its content without even having played it. There is a line between imaginary violence and real violence with the latter not physically hurting anybody in the real world. Now, on to the review.

The game's three cities have a combined total of 6,000 km of roads to rampage throughout. You can pick your own thug (I like Bubba!) from a group of four deviants.

The premise of the game involves going to certain payphones and doing various jobs for the boss. Those jobs are usually located on the other side of town, so walking there would take forever. Pick some car off the street (except the cop cars), pull the driver out, and make tracks toward your destination.

Some missions have certain time limits which must be completed before the end, or you risk facing the loss of money and possibly the loss of face. Beat up that car too much and you'll be kissing sky as you're launched in the air from those nasty little gas tank explosions (Ouch).

And yes, there are those pesky pedestrians walking around getting in your way while you're barreling down the sidewalk at 170 mph.

But don't think you can just start crunching away with that vehicle you (ahem) borrowed. The cops are on to you, buddy. With the handy police scanner in your pocket, you can find out exactly when the police are going to take the time to hunt you down.

If you create mass chaos, it will usually lead to the whole police squad armed with nifty machine guns and roadblocks to end this lovely career. If you're lucky, they'll just throw you in the slammer and take away your A-K . However, there are bribes hidden in crates to make the cops look the other way. Oops!

The graphics and controls may be the game's only downfalls. You'd expect the visuals to be a little bit better on such a system as the Playstation, but the designers may have been concentrating more on the gameplay.

As any true gamer knows, top-level gameplay is the number one priority when it comes to having fun.

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If we only knew...

Lesa Thompson
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Talas
If We Only Knew Then What We Know Now
Metal Blade Records

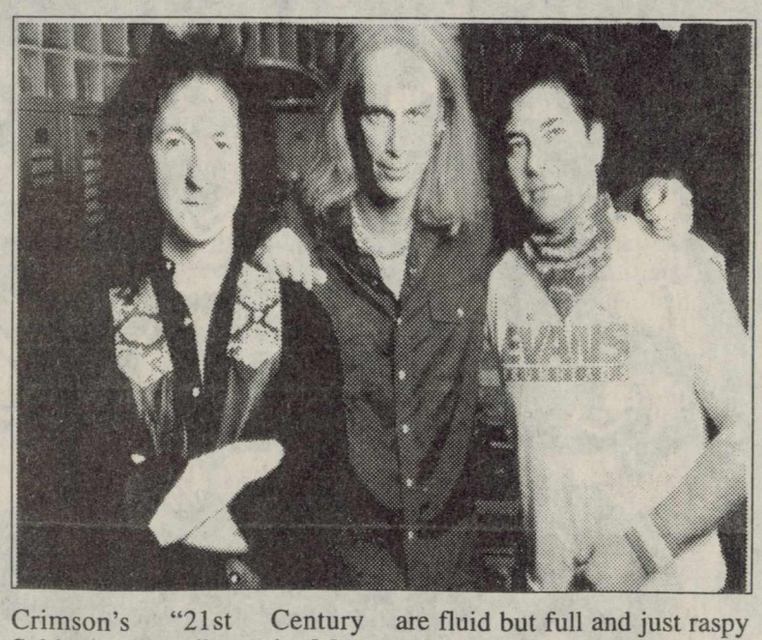
Who do most people consider to be the greatest and most influential bass player of all time? BILLY SHEEHAN, that's who!

And what's the name of Billy's original band, the one started in 1974—long before Sheehan's days with David Lee Roth and Mr. Big? Why, it's TALAS, of course!

Yet the fact remains that Talas unfortunately fell by the wayside sometime in the early 80s after having recorded a mere two albums, their self-titled debut and "Sink Your Teeth Into That."

Sheehan, a member of Guitar Player's prestigious "Gallery of Greats," recently got Talas' original members together for the first time in 15 years for a one-night-only show in Buffalo. Luckily, Metal Blade got the whole thing recorded for both current fans and posterity alike. Some things are just meant to be savored, I guess.

"If We Only Knew Then..." contains tuneage from the two first two albums plus a couple of previously unreleased songs and Talas' versions of King Crimson's "21st Century Schizoid Man" and Max Webster's "Battle Scar."



What makes the album so great, aside from Sheehan's musical mastery, is the fact that the sound quality is so surprisingly good. Live releases often come out sounding like crap, but this disc is an exception to the rule. It's as smooth as a baby's buttered behind.

The music on "If We Only Knew Then..." is a proper mix of rock and funk with a little bit of grind and whine—and a couple of power ballads, of course—tossed in for healthy measure. This is what rock, especially groove-oriented guitar rock, is all about.

Dave Constantino's vocals are fluid but full and just raspy enough in all the right places. Think along the lines of "Joe Lynn Turner meets Eddie Money," and you'll have the idea..

Talas rely solely on their instruments to turn their soulful musical expressions into a medium that the rest of the world can enjoy. If you're looking for "sampled this" and "synthetic that," you won't find any of it on this album. This is what rock music is supposed to be—a guy (or girl) with a guitar in hand, a couple of big ol' amps and some cat keeping time on the drums.

It's honest and straightforward, but the formula still works.

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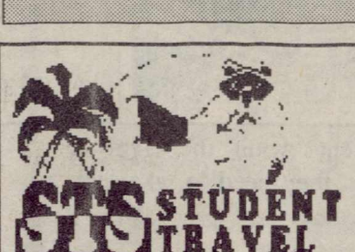
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SGA Platform Statements

Election Information

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Student Union on Wednesday and Thursday. Students must bring a picture ID and currently be enrolled as a full-time student to vote.

Candidates for the Office of Treasurer

Sybil Slatkin

I am currently a senator for SGA. I have a working knowledge of how SGA conducts business. One of my goals is to help improve Student life.

Paul Rome
Candidate

I want to be elected Treasurer of Student Government because I want to handle the tremendous responsibility associated with the job. This job requires specific attention to details and precise calculations.

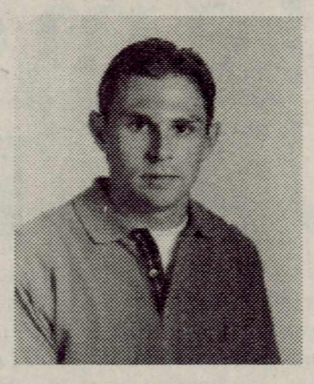
I will dedicate all my time and efforts to the duties this position demands. I am Vice-President of Sigma Nu fraternity, have been a member of Student Government for the past year, and have previous experience as a member of Student Activities Board.

I will work hard if you elect me Treasurer of Student Government..

As a candidate for SGA Treasurer, I feel that my background regarding the fiscal affairs of the university would give me an inside track on concerns and issues the office will be facing this up coming year; and my experience as a representative for student life would benefit my intentions to develop the position of Treasurer to better serve the needs of the students. After already successfully managing a budget in excess of $25,000 as an undergraduate, I feel I can say that I have the knowledge and time to negotiate the financial matters of the Student Government Association.

The experience and knowledge to accomplish the tasks set forth are necessary qualifications for any elected position. In addition, I believe that a Student Government officer must have a desire to seek change and improvement in the university. More importantly, there is a responsibility to represent and voice the needs of the students. It is for this sole purpose that the SGA exists.

This year's projected budget that the Student Government Treasurer will be responsible for managing Is approximately $40,000; and as a reminder, elections are the most important time for NSU students to voice their opinions. Therefore, I



Lucas Shaw

encourage every student to use careful consideration when taking advantage of this opportunity to cast his/her vote in this semester's election. My name is Lucas Shaw, and as SGA Treasurer, I will work to enhance the fiscal affairs of SGA and the student life here at Northwestern.

Candidates for freshman class senator

Raechal Leone

My name is Raechal Leone and I am running for SGA Freshman Senator. I am from Shreveport and I graduated form Southwood High School, where I was Student Council President last year.

Here at Northwestern, I am a new member of Tri Sigma Sorority and a broadcast journalism major with a minor in Political Science. I have always enjoyed being involved in student government and meeting new people, being SGA Freshman Senator will give me the chance to do both of these things.

I am willing to dedicate my time and hard work to SGA in order to improve NSU. I am really excited about the upcoming year and hope that you will vote me, Raechal Leone, for your SGA Freshman Senator!

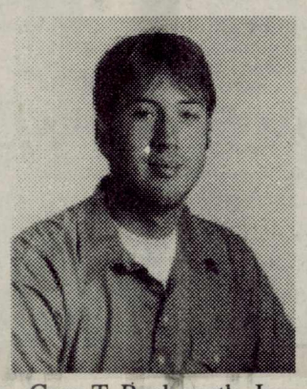
Tiffany Tonchella Wardworth
Candidate

I am running for freshman senator because I communicate with people well. I am a hardworking young lady and any project that I am assigned to I will complete with 100% efforts.

I want to get involved with school activities. It builds character and develops people skills. Being a senator for the freshman class will give me a better idea about government position. Getting the freshman senator position will strengthen me with school projects in high school, a teacher had to nominate a student to run for student council and then they were voted in by fellow students.

I have never had the opportunity to participate but I have always been interested in government. Now that I have the opportunity to join the Student Government, I will eagerly take advantage of it.

Hi, my name is Gary T. Rushworth, Jr. and I am running for the office of Freshman Senator. I am from the great metropolis of Shreveport, LA and a graduate of Southwood High.



Gary T. Rushworth, Jr.

I like to play sports and participate in extra curricular activities like parties; I mean socials, sporting events, and band!

Anyway I feel as your Freshman Senator I can bring to you great joy as you go through your first year of college away from parents and siblings.

I feel I would be able to strongly voice the opinion of our Freshman Class by doing whatever it takes to be heard, sorry no examples. So if you feel the need and you want to be the best, join me as I take you to the Pinnacle, sorry, the top, and vote, me, Gary T. for your '98 Freshman Senator.

Vote 16th & 17th

Madeline Rozas

Hi! My name is Madeline Rozas. I am a Freshman here at Northwestern, and loving every minute of it! I am asking for your support at the polls this week to elect me as one of your Freshman Class Senators. If I am elected, you will see that I will do a great job in representing you, the Freshman Class.

I will listen to what you have to say and make sure that our voices are heard throughout the campus. I know that there are a number of situations that need to be addressed here on campus. I can be depended upon to see that we make the necessary changes to make our campus the best that it can be.

I was a strong leader in my community back home and wish to prove myself the same here at northwestern.

I was President of my Junior Class and Vice-President of my Senior Class in high school. I am very responsible and trustworthy and also very friendly. You can come talk to me anytime you want to share with me anything that you think needs to be taken care of on our campus.

I hope that you will make the right decision on Election Day and vote for me, Madeline Rozas, running for Freshman Class Senator.

Thank you!

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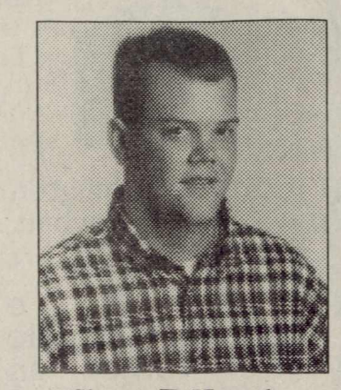

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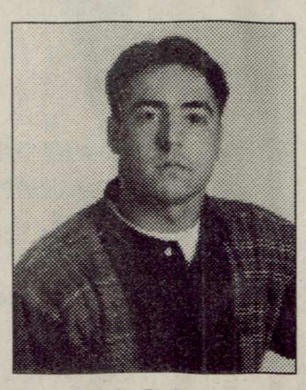

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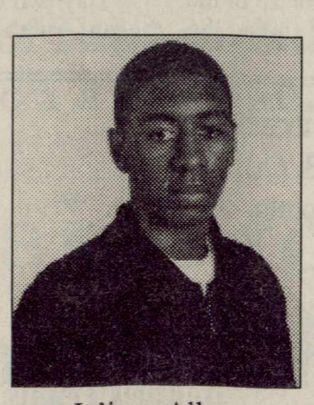

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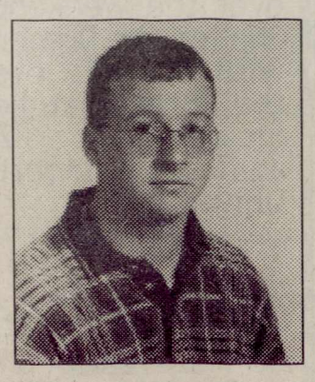

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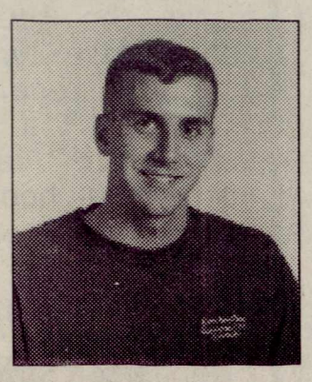

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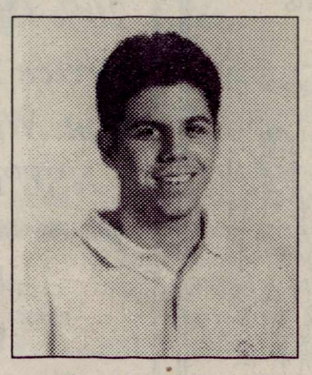

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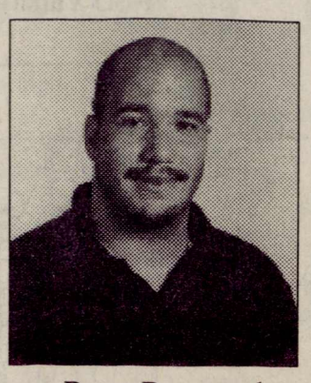

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Sports

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Demons lose UALR Classic

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons hit a snag this weekend at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Classic Tournament.

The Demon went 0-1-1 and finished third overall at the tourney. The loss and tie puts the Demons at 2-2-1 on the year.

"We ran into some very tough team this weekend," Demon head coach Pete Watkins said. "We got a lot out of it, though. I was really impressed by our goalkeepers."

The Demons settled a match with Drury College with a 3-3 tie.

An early goal by Drury's Katie Imig put Drury up 1-0 early.

The Demons got on the board a minute later with Holly Horn's goal off a free kick.

Brittany Cargill then put the Demons up by one with her goal late in the first half. Drury replied quickly with a goal by Sarah Laurenburger to tie the game a 2-2. Amy Fulkerson added her fifth goal of the season late in the second half. The lead soon dwindled as Drury's Stacy Dillard tied the game with nine minutes left at 3-3.

The two team went into double overtime with no goal in the extra sessions.

Sunday The Demons fell victim to Belmont College, the tournament champions, who dealt the Demon a 4-0 loss. Belmont's tough defense held the Demons to only five shots on the the goal. Goalkeepers Wendy Woodham and Tiffany Swingler combined to have 8 saves, but it was not enough as Belmont pounded the net for 14 shots on the goal.

"We gave up a goal late in the first half and lost our concentration for about ten minutes." Watkins ended. "They jumped on us then scored two more goals."

The Demon travel this week to LSU on Friday and Saturday to USL on Sunday.

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Kelly Knapschafer moves the ball downfield trying to score for the Demons.

Demons seek Reddie repeat

Chuck Weaver
Staff Reporter

The Demons (2-0) will play the Henderson State University Reddies (1-1) Saturday for only the second time in school history.

Last season the Demons won 42-7, but they gave up four turnovers.

The Reddies forced turnovers on the first two Demon drives but failed to score. They will be bringing a tough defense into Turpin Stadium this year also.

HSU has dominated their opponents in the second half giving up only 22 yards of total offense and not allowed a point.

According to Sports Information Director Doug Ireland, they are an improved football team from a year ago and is expecting a hard fought football game.

Only scoring seven points is somewhat of an under estimation for a Reddie offense that gained 262 total yards on offense compared to the Demon's 271.

Demon head football coach Sam Goodwin said the kicking game was the major difference in last years match-up.

Goodwin felt that the score would have been a lot closer if the team had not taken control of the kicking game like they did.

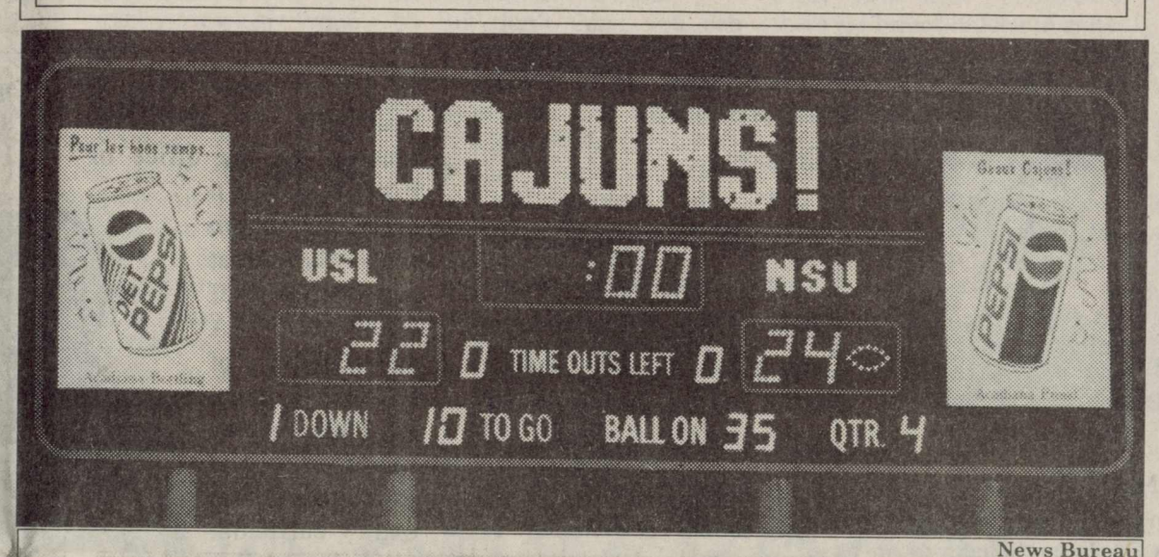
Coach Sam Goodwin is no stranger to Henderson State University.

Goodwin graduated from Henderson State in 1966 and was one of seven people inducted into the Reddie Hall of Honor last week.

Goodwin planned to be on hand for the ceremony but had to cancel because of severe weather conditions. His wife Janet accepted the honor on his behalf.

Goodwin was also the college roommate of Henderson State head coach Ronnie Kerr which makes Saturday's match-up even more interesting.

Thomas LaToof was good on a 24-yard field goal to put the Demons on top 24-22. NSU had 339 total yards on offense compared to 283 by USL and the Demons also registered six sacks.



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The Demons expect to see something like this on our scoreboard this Saturday against Henderson State.

Demons lose three games at SMU Invitational

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Demon volleyball team competed this past weekend in the SMU Classic in Dallas.

The tournament featured some stiff competition in the form of Ole Miss, Liberty and host SMU.

The Demons began the tournament Friday evening by losing in three straight games to the Southeastern Conference's Ole Miss, 15-9, 15-11, 15-6.

The Demons were sparked by outstanding individual performances by Kandice Washington and Kim Hand. The duo combined for 23 of the team's 38 total kills and a .386 attack percentage.

However, their performance was overshadowed by 23 team attack errors and 7 Ole Miss aces.

Setter Missy Krause recorded 37 assists in the losing effort.

Ole Miss struck fast and early, rolling off 9 consecutive points while setting the tone for the rest of the match.

The Demons recovered to make game one respectable and made a run in the second game. However, they faltered again in the third game, as the Rebels came away with the victory.

Day two of the tournament began with the Demons matched against host SMU.

Washington had 12 kills, while Jessica Smith added 6 more, as the Demons hit only .142 for the match while committing 24 attack errors.

Krause totaled 37 assists for the match and added 11 digs defensively. Sondra Lima led the Demons defensively with 12 digs.

However, SMU was led by Erin Pryor, who recorded her 1,000th career kill while totaling 12 for the match, as the Mustangs prevailed in three, 15-8, 15-6, 16-14.

The tournament drew to a close with a match against Liberty.

The Demons won their first game of the tournament, opening with an early 2-0 lead, before faltering in the final three. Liberty capitalized on 48 Demon attack errors in rallying past the Demons 11-15, 15-17, 15-7, 15-9,15-12 to send NSU home winless.

The Demons were led by Washington, who finished with 23 kills. Kim Hand added 14, and Jessica Smith contributed 13.

Krause nearly broke her own record of 67 assists while amassing 64 against Liberty.

April Addeo tied an record with 8 block assists. Amy Warren had 8 in 1993 against Texas Southern, and Tiffany Cronin accomplished the feat as well a year later against Florida A&M.

Washington was named to the All-Tournament team for the second straight week while totaling 47 kills for the tournament.

The tournament served as the final tune-up for Southland Conference play, as the Demons hit the road for matches this weekend at UT-San Antonio and Southwest Texas.

Student Athlete of the Week

Jermaine Jones
Football

The senior defensive back one again contributed the scoring punch in the Demons 24-22 victory over USL. It marks the second consecutive week J.J. received Southland Conference Player of the Week honors.

Upcoming home contests
Henderson State at 6 p.m

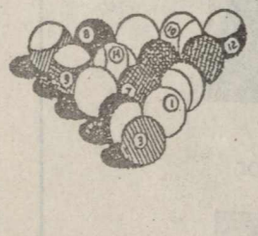
Student Athlete of the Week

Kandice Washington
Women's Volleyball

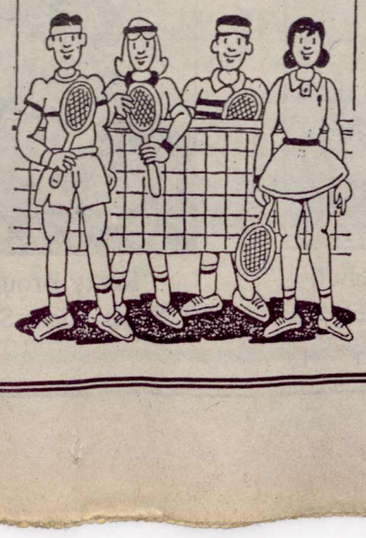
The sophomore middle hitter turned an All-Tournament Performance at the SMU Tournament over the weekend. She led the Demons with 47 kills over the three matches including 23 against Liberty University.

Upcoming Home Contests
September 25
UTA at 7 p.m.

9-Ball Pool Tournament
Wed., Sept. 23, 6p.m.
IM Gameroom



Doubles Tennis Tournament
Wed., Sept. 30, 6p.m.
NSU Varsity Courts



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LaToof's foot beats Cajuns

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

A five-second, 24-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the game, by Thomas LaToof, aided the Demons as they squeaked past the University of Southwestern Louisiana 24-22.

"Before the kick, I just had a feeling," LaToof said. 'I told Lanny Lawrence on the bus coming down her that I thought it would come down to this."

The Demon move to 2-0 going into Saturday's game against the Henderson State Reddies.

LaToof hit three field goals of 21 and 24 yards after having his first one blocked.

"I didn't even think about it," LaToof voiced. "The next extra point I thought about it, but after that it was all good."

"I told him before he went out there that they were going to do that," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin noted. "They had three time outs and were going to make you sweat. I am over there saying, Lord, it's your call, its in your hands, I'm not going to worry about it."

Both teams combine scored 30 points in the fourth quarter.

Before the fourth quarter, The Demons accounted for only 46 yards passing by starting quarterback Warren Patterson. Patterson accrued 137 yards in the fourth including a 48-yard pass to T.J. Sutherland.

The "Purple Swarm" defense became key during the game lead by Jermaine Jones, who had eight unassisted tackles, two tackles for loss and one interception return for 75 yards.

"He made a bunch of big plays," Goodwin said. "He made a breakup on the goal line. You can't beat him. I hope team will just throw over there every play, because that's like duck soup for our guys."

The Cajuns scored first with 6:08 left in the first when Anthony Dozier caught a 10-yard pass from Brian Soignier to put them on the board 6-0.

Jones answered back with 12:25 left in the first half when he ran his 75-yards touchdown interception back, inching the Demon ahead 7-6.

"I was just playing my position and got a good break on the ball," Jones noted. "It was just clear sailing from there. It's not important to score, it's important to win. Despite everything, we played bad some snaps, we played good some snaps. I'm just glad we got to win."

LaToof nailed a 21-yard field goal four minutes later to give the Demons a 10-6 lead.

"That's the only thing I do for the team," LaToof ended. "When they call my number I figure that I better kick through there."

Cajun Matt Cieslak recovered a fumbled and ran it back 13 yards to put them ahead 13-10.

LaToof hit his second field goal of the night for 24 yards to tie it at 13 all.

Patterson then was sacked by USL's Danny Scott and Nathaniel Beard, giving the Cajuns a 15-13 lead.

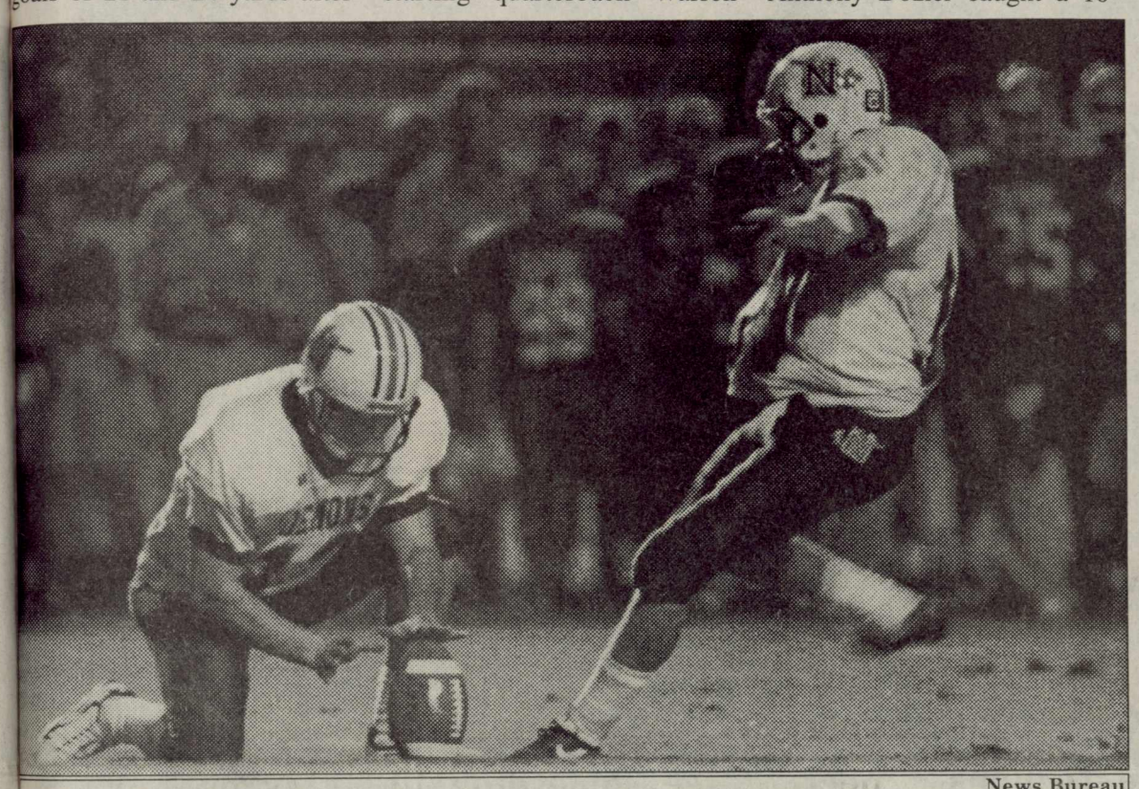
Senior Tailback Ronnie Powell then runs a reverse for 23 yards, increasing the Demons' lead 21-15.

"The line block extremely well that play," Powell said. " I don't know what Henderson State is rank at, but I think that is the game that I will rack up the yards."

USL came on strong three plays later when Brandon Stokely caught a 77-yard pass from Derek Dyer. to inch them ahead 22-21.

LaToof fired off his last field goal of the game with the rain and wind against him to clinch a 24-22 win.

" I felt pretty confident," Goodwin continued. "The kid's a really good kicker."



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Placekicker Thomas LaToof centers the uprights this weekend in the closing seconds as the Demons edged the Cajuns 24-22.

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Despite wet and slick conditions, the Demon "Purple Swarm" holds back the Cajun offense from getting the first down.

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Ronnie Powell scores one of the touchdowns during the fourth quarter on a reverse.

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___Henderson St. at NSU___
___Auburn vs. LSU___
___Northeast Louisiana vs SFA___
___USL at La. Tech___
___Troy St. at Chattanooga___
___McNeese St. at Southern Utah___
___Jacksonville vs Middle Tenn. St.___
___Missouri at Ohio St.___

NFL

___Green Bay at Cincinnati___
___San Diego at Kansas City___
___Pittsburgh at Miami___
___Detroit at Minnesota___
___Indianapolis at NY Jets___
___Washington at Seattle___
___Chicago at Tampa Bay___
___Baltimore at Jacksonville___
___Denver at Oakland___
___Philadelphia at Arizona___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___San Francisco at Washington___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize.

Entries available for Demon Hoops 5K Run & Walk

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Entries are being taken for the first Northwestern State Demon Hoops 5K Run & Walk Saturday on campus.

Prizes will be given to the top five finisher jn the men's and women's categories while prizes will be awarded in eight different age groups.

The cost to enter is $12. This includes participation, fruit and drinks after the race, a T-shirt and race packets. Checks should be written out to the NSU Athletic Association.

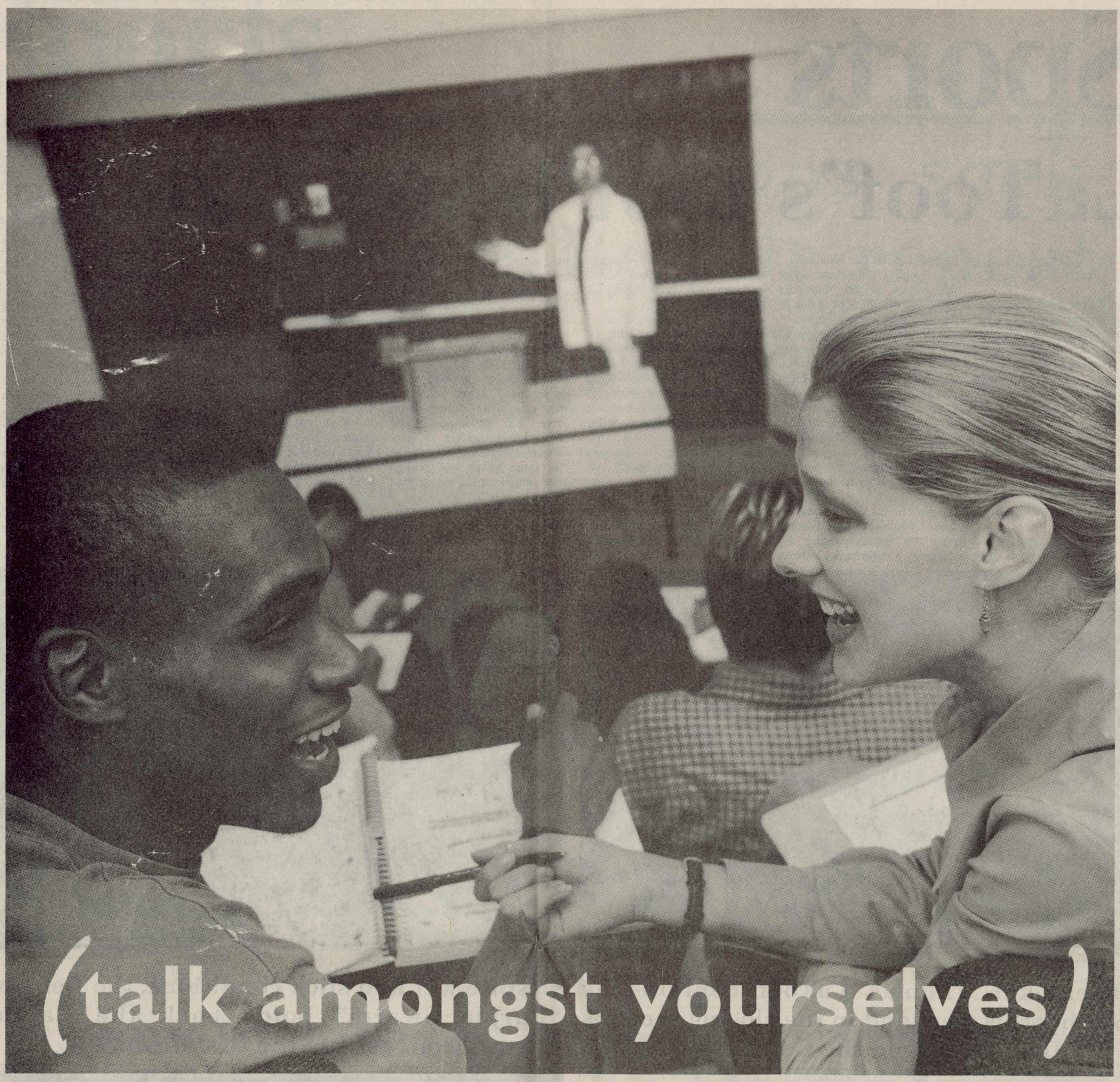
Registration and packet pickup is from 7-8:45 p.m. on Saturday.

The Demons will also take on Henderson State that evening at 6 p.m.

All age groups are welcome to enter.

For more information, contact the Demon basketball office at 318 357-4274.

Dr. Ron McBride won The Current Sauce Football Challenge this week. Come by to get your free pizza, you brave and mightiest of warriors.



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IM passes with 65% approval

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students decided the fate of the Intramural building after weeks of debating both sides of the renovation issue.

Approximately 65 percent of the students who voted in last week's elections approved the referendum for major renovations and expansion to the facility, which will be called the Demon Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center.

According to the Student Government Association, 1193 students voted in the election, and 775 students voted in favor of the renovations.

"I'm glad to see [the referendum] pass," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said. "From a government standpoint, it helped open my eyes on some other issues on campus."

The proposal for the WRAC will be taken to the Facilities and Planning Commission where an architect will be appointed and transform the concept into blueprints.

Another forum will be held to get students' ideas on the facility. Dowden encourages all students to take an active role in creating plans for the WRAC.

Students may join the Student Advisory Committee which will be responsible for planning the facility. For more information, stop by the SGA office in room 222 of the Student Union.

Dowden said he is glad the referendum passed but is even happier that students voiced their opinions. In previous campus elections, voter turn-out has been low. For example, SGA officials estimated that only 660 students voted in elections last fall.

Earl Gates, sophomore physics major, agreed that voter turn-out was higher than usual, but said he wished more people would have voted.

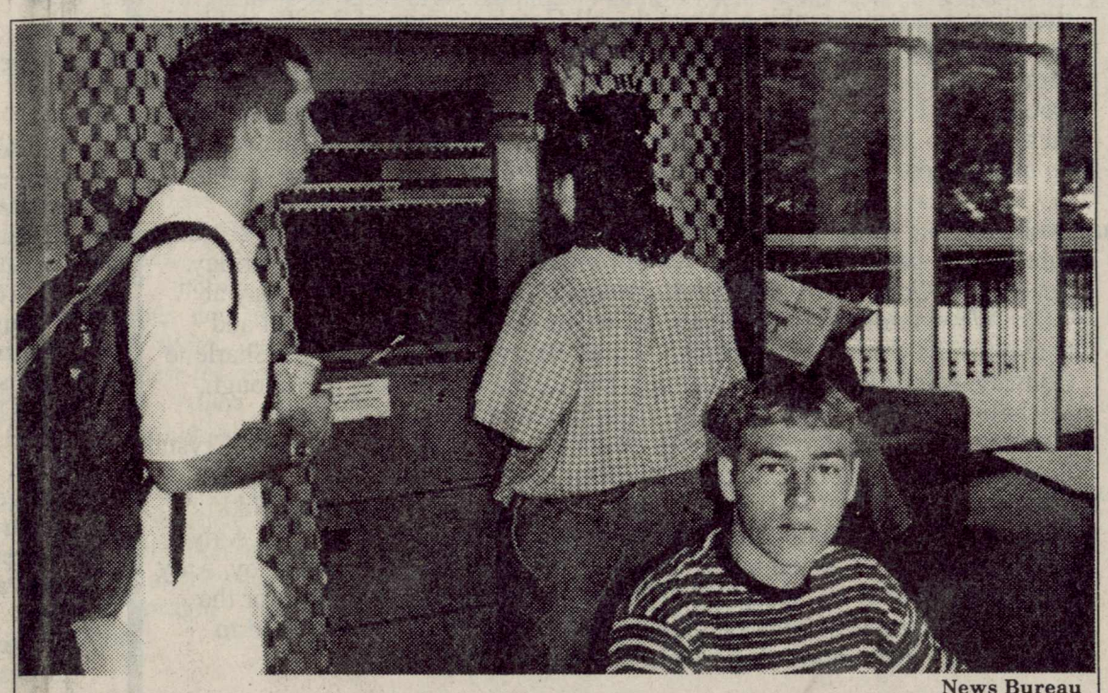
"I think many people didn't care about it," Gates said. "Most people are willing to *say* something about it but are not willing to *do* anything."

Dowden hopes voter turn-out will be high this week during the run-off election for the positions of SGA treasurer and freshmen senators.

Lucas Shaw and Sybil Slatkin are running for treasurer. Freshmen must choose two senators from Raechal Leone, Gary T. Rushworth Jr. and Madeline Rozas.

Elections will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

The student body will have another chance to exercise their right to vote in October. Elections for Homecoming Court and Mr. and Miss NSU will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 8.



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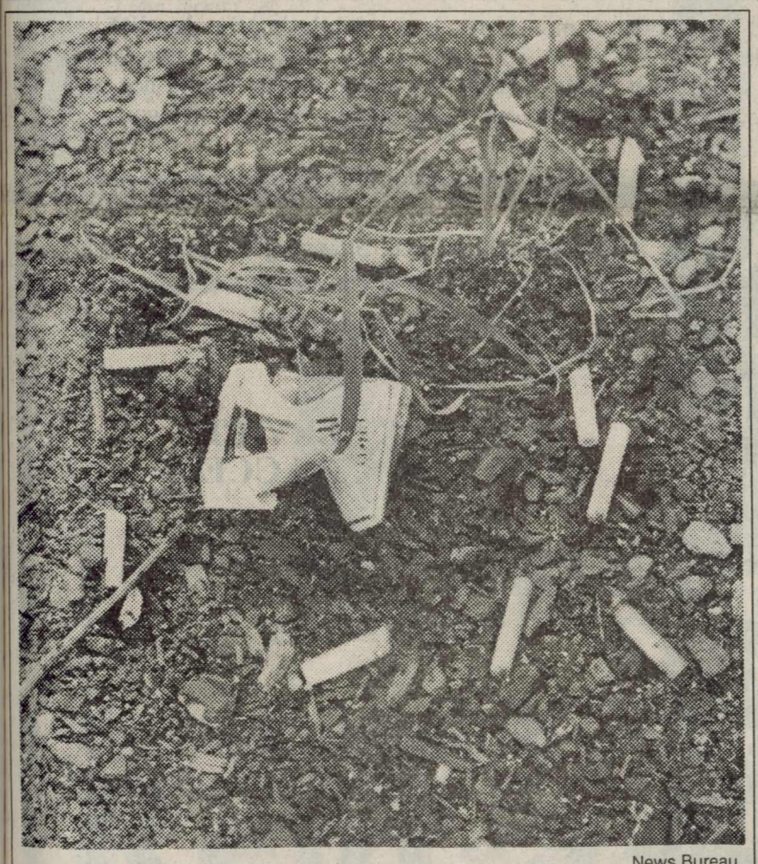
Students prepare to get behind the curtain to decide the fate of the IM. The referendum passed with flying colors by a 65-35 margin. Matt Comeaux worked the polls, while John McConnell and Rachel White prepared to cast their votes.



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Cigarette butts like these will soon become a thing of the past with the purchase of 30 new ashtrays by the University. The stainless steel ashtrays will cost between $180-$220 each.

Ashtrays will be purchased to get rid of litter on campus

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Cigarette butts have littered the campus for quite some time. To help solve the problem, the University will provide ashtrays for their disposal.

According to Loran Lindsey, director of the Physical Plant, up to 30 ashtrays will be purchased.

The stainless steel ashtrays will cost between $180 and $220 each, and they can be mounted either on a wall or pedestal.

"The ashtrays will be placed around all major academic buildings on campus," Lindsey said. "That includes Kyser Hall, Family and Consumer Science, Williamson, Russell Hall and the Student Union."

Many students view the cigarette butts on campus as nothing but litter.

"I think they are nasty," Shannon Hernandez, accounting major, said. "They look bad and clutter the campus."

Buford Rivers, aviation science major, said that if the University would provide ashtrays, he would definitely use them.

"I think ashtrays would be much better than throwing butts on the ground or in a trash can where they could start a fire," Rivers said.

The ashtrays should be in place within six weeks.

Addressing another aspect of the smoking issue, the Student Government Association worked with the Office of Student Affairs to develop a designated smoking area at the Student Union.

"I think it is positive that the University is responding to the needs of the smoking population," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said. "I am in favor of anything that will aid in campus beautification."

The SGA spent approximately $3,000 on benches for a covered smoking area to provide a place for smokers during bad weather. The ashtrays were provided by the Office of Student Affairs.

Mandatory financial aid seminars

Philip Wise
Editor

All first-time financial aid borrowers must attend a 30-minute seminar to receive loan checks.

The session is a must for anyone who wishes to receive financial aid for the first time, regardless of classification. It will cover the rules and regulations which loan recipients need to know and understand.

The session will be held in the Student Union Ball Room on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until noon..

Items to be discussed include minimum monthly loan repayments, the time in which a borrower has to repay the loan and other pertinent topics will be covered in detail.

"The average incoming freshman does not know the liability and the consequences that go along with loans," Ken Posey, associate director of financial aid, said. "This session is to educate the first-time borrower on the responsibities of student loan repayment."

The program is required by law in order to keep the default rate as low as possible. The default rate is calculated by the percentage of students who do not repay their loans. Louisiana has a 12.9 percentage ranking it the sixth highest in the nation. The national average is 10.9 percent.

These sessions allow students to ask questions about financial aid.

In the past, a student would go through a one-on-one interview with a financial aid counselor to get this information.

This program was devised to limit the work load and time spent by the financial aid office processing the applications, which, in turn, hasten the arrival of loan checks.

Grant to allow students to take college courses while in high school

Raymond Williams
Contributing Writer

The University received a grant to enhance the Distance Learning Program to make education more convenient for students.

Approximately $900,000 was dedicated to distance learning. The funds result from a grant from Rural Utilities Service. It matches funds from 10 area school districts and the University.

The grant will allow area students to take college courses while in high school.

Several delivery methods can be used with the course work. The schools will concentrate on using either the Internet or compressed video, or a combination of both.

Students can schedule a course that will be taught by an instructor on the University's campus or a teacher from another high school. These lectures will be presented on camera, and delivery will rely mainly on compressed video technology.

"It is relatively inexpensive," Roy Davis, multimedia specialist, said.

Standing in a room with approximately $90,000 dollars worth of equipment, Davis said that, without distance learning, schools would have to spend over that dollar amount to hire three or four instructors to teach at different sites.

Through this program, one teacher can deliver the same product across many campuses in a cost effective and convenient manner.

The distance learning classes will be offered to students for high school and college credit.

Parishes in the program are Sabine, Red River, Winn, DeSoto, Vernon, Natchitoches, Grant, Concordia, LaSalle and Catahoula.

Classes will most likely be offered by next fall, as the program is still in the beginning stages.

Besides Davis, other key figures completing the networking and scheduling processes are Dr. Anthony Scheffler, assistant dean of the graduate school, Tracey Brown, networking specialist and Philip Gillis, systems analyst.

"This program allows students to take classes that would not normally be offered at their respective high schools," Davis said. "It will also allow teachers, while at that high school, to take graduate level courses from the University to further their educations."

New college system on October ballot

Shawn T. Hornsby
News Editor

Amendment number one on the Saturday, October 3, ballot may change Louisiana's higher education structure.

The amendment proposes to create a new Louisiana Community and Technical College System and management board under the Board of Regents. Louisiana is unlike most states in that it does not have a unified community college system.

Currently, the 42 technical college campuses are under the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Two-year schools are fragmented between the University of Louisiana, Southern and LSU Systems.

According to the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, the new board will require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature in order to create a new postsecondary institution, merge existing institutions or transfer an institution from one board to another. Presently, only a majority vote of the Legislature is required to create a new institution.

Supporters of the amendment argue that it will prevent duplication of programs. Also, the creation of separate divisions and accreditation for the academic and technical colleges would adequately protect the hands-on vocational and technical programs. Under the Board of Regents, transfers of coursework to the four-year schools will be more uniform.

"There have been feelings that, since we work with Northwestern, we shouldn't be behind the amendment," State Representative Jimmy Long said. "That's not true. This deals with a void in our state."

Long, who opted the bill in the House, said his love and loyalty for the University would not allow him to propose something that would hurt it.

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Campus Connections

Campus Women's Club: The Campus Women's Club will hold a meeting this Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall. All women faculty, staff and faculty wives are invited to attend the meeting and join the club.

National Order of Omega: The National Order of Omega is accepting applications for new members. Qualifications include having one full academic year of residence at NSU; junior or senior undergraduate standing; academic ranking above the all-Greek average of 2.730; and be in good standing with the fraternal organization. Application deadline is Monday at noon. A breakfast will be held for applicants on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7:15 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge. In order to be considered for membership, applicants must be present at the breakfast. Students can pick up applications in room 214 in the Student Union.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Hope all of you Alphas are having a wonderful week! Make sure to start packing your bags for our retreat beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. Leadership Council will meet for a workshop the following Saturday at 7:00. We would like to recognize all of our girls who made a 3.14 and above for the Spring '98semester: Jamie Brazzell, Becca Clarke, Sharlene Conway, Missy Dugal, Lacy Dumas, Brandi Earnest, Becky Farabough, Michelle Harvey, Shelly Jimenez, Andi Lemoine, Bridget Louviere, Heather McCardle, Kristy Pesnell, Susan Procell, Kathryn Richards, Crystal Robbins and Alexis Roy. Congratulations girls and keep striving for Pi! Getting off to a great start are our first Alpha A's and Alpha B's: Nikki Didelot, Charnell Mudd, Kristy Pesnell, Susan Procell, Alexis Roy, Amy Thacker (Alpha A's). Janell Comberrel, Charnell Mudd, Alexis Roy, Amy Thacker (Alpha B's). Keep up all the good work girls. Thought for the week: It is foolish to reject criticism. In order to improve, we need to know what needs improving. Alpha Love and Roses!

Date Rape Seminar: The Office of Student Activities and Organizations is sponsoring a date rape awareness seminar at 8 p.m. Thursday in Magale Recital Hall. The seminar will be presented by Katie Koestner.

Student Government Association: Run-off elections for the position of SGA treasurer and freshmen senators will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

Financial Aid Entrance Interviews: Interviews will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. until noon in the Student Union Ballroom

If you or your organization has a Campus Connection, please bring it to the *Current Sauce* office at room 225 in Kyser Hall. Information should be turned in on the Thursday before the paper in which you would like it to be published. Please put connections on a disk saved in text format. To ensure the information is correct, bring a printed copy. For more information, call 357-5456.

Campus traffic should be back to normal soon

Benjamin Colley Joseph
Staff Reporter

As probably most students have either seen or heard, there are drastic changes happening on Sam Sibley Drive in front of the Student Union.

The project is impeding the driving on the main strip and appears to be major reconstruction.

The project is being coordinated by the Physical Plant, which is the facility in charge of all maintenance, construction and landscaping projects on campus.

Paul Long, the foreman on the project, said that construction is a three-part process. The first step is to fill in the numerous pot holes. The crew will then "mill it down", meaning they will flatten and smooth down the much-used crossroads with a steam roller.

The final step will be to add a new, much needed layer of asphalt to Sam Sibley Drive. This will give students and faculty a smoother drive to class.

Long said the project should take about a month to complete.

Until that time, Sam Sibley Drive will remain a one-lane road during the day, but it will open back up to a two-lane road at night. It should not be completely blocked off again.

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Construction to Sam Sibley Drive has been a major inconvenience to traffic on campus. Work should be completed in a month and traffic will be back to normal, according to foreman Paul Long.

Entrance interviews for first-time borrowers: *be there or be broke*

Amendment ... continued

The upcoming vote was discussed at the Sunday, Sept. 13, meeting of the Council of Student Body Presidents.

Presidents from many state universities and colleges met to discuss the impact which the creation of a new board may have on their schools. Some have doubts about the amendment.

"If it is such a great thing, then why aren't LSUE and LSUA a part of it," Chris Galino, SGA president of Delgado Community College, said.

The proposed amendment will further divide available funds, which sparked another question from COSBP members.

"Why is the state creating a new board when the universities are not funded 100 percent now," Shedrick Roy, SGA president of Southern University at New Orleans, asked.

Appointment of board members will begin 20 days after the amendment passes, if it does.

Affected institutions will be placed under the board's control Thursday, July 1, 1999.

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SGA Minutes

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes September 14, 1998

Vice President's Report:

-Gave Senate SLU's Organizational Assistance Fund paperwork.

Requires that Senate propose an organizational grant for them to fund events and projects for NSU organizations.

Suggested that it be an application process.

Must be chartered a Chartered organization and show need for assistance.

Must benefit school and organization must come back and present receipts.

-She also asked Senate to find money in the budget for this.

President's Report:

-COSBP Review-Next Meeting November 21&22; male spot open and 3 female spots.

-ITAC Committee. Senator is needed to volunteer to attend meeting with Shawn and I. Revision of guidelines-Friday 9am.

-Recommendation for Fiscal Affairs to examine student self assessed fees and request budgets from each unit head.

-Committee, committee, committee, the power of the committee was proven this weekend.

-Meet Your Senator Day

-Asked for someone to accompany him to the next SAC meeting.

-COSGA is at Texas A&M from February 27 to March 1.

-Reminder! Do not promote any candidate or issue while working the polls-IT IS AGAINST THE RULES AND YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE!

-Appointments for Supreme Court: Clint Shelby; Larry Ellis; Bobby Beall; Rob Theriot.

-I have planning council this week-THURS & FRI.

-Senator & Angelique to contact Pat Pierson about Resource Allocation Grants.

-Fiscal Affairs- encourage members to take a hard look at the budget.

-People to work phones tomorrow night: Matthew Comeaux; Jeremy LaCombe; Kourtney Kentzel; Jamie Hughes.

-Referendum

Committee Reports:

-Internal Affairs-no report

-Fiscal Affairs-no report

-Student Affairs-Meeting Tuesday- no time yet

-Club Sports-Wants a new club sport. Meetings Monday @ 8pm

-Academic Affairs-Meeting Wednesday- no time yet

-External Affairs- Need to elect new chair

-Traffic and Appeals- Had meeting today, went through 3 hours of tickets

Old Business:

-Motion for Senate to take power of decisions. Passed

-Floor opened for discussion on speaker from McNeese Eric Broussard. Tabled shortly after opened, no decision made.

Committee members chosen

-Internal Affairs: Shawn Hornsby (chair), Matt Comeaux; Ja'Juan Allen; Rusty Broussard

-External Affairs:Greg Gelpi (chair); Brandon Mitchell; Melissa Shields; Allisa Ohmer; Vanessa Byrd; Rusty Broussard; Jeremy Witt

-Student Affairs: David Gunn (chair); Caron Chester; Jamie Hughes

-Academic Affairs: Marcus King (chair); Joey Burch; Ja'Juan Allen

-Fiscal Affairs- John-Michael McConnell (chair); Chaz Vandersypen; Matthew Comeaux; Sybil Slatkin

-Club Sports- Kourtney Kentzel (chair); David Gunn; Matthew Comeaux; Sybil Slatkin

-Motion was made to accept the Supreme Court as appointed by Luke. Motion passed

New Business:

Visitors from Flight Team. Needed money to attend their competition. Voted on by the Senate and approved.

-Meet the Senator Day-Be thinking about this

-Homecoming Nominations- Angelique Duhon; Caron Chester; Michelle Craig

-Mr. NSU nomination-Jeremy LaCombe

-Ms. NSU nomination-Kelli Revere

News

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All-Greek Reunion big success

Over 400 members of active and inactive organizations attended the festivities

Thomas Tobias Danna
Contributing Writer

A new tradition has been created, a tradition that current students will be able to enjoy for years to come. The first annual All Greek Reunion was held over the weekend. More than 400 representatives from all active and several inactive Greek organizations participated in the weekend's activities.

According to Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs, Sigma Sigma Sigma had the largest turnout with 110 members. Phi Mu, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha each had approximately 90 members attend.

Approximately 150 Greeks, both past and present, and family members attended the All Greek Reception last Friday night. The reception was hosted by IFC, Panhellenic and PanHellenic organizations, ARAMARK and the Order of Omega. It was a time for getting in touch with old friends and reliving old memories.

Lucile Hendrick, 89, retired dean of women from 1959-1974, was the oldest alumna in attendance. She was a charter member of Sigma Sigma Sigma in 1928.

"Tri Sigma was everything for us," Hendrick said. ""We couldn't go home for weekends. My generation had more fun than any other generation because we had to stay in town. It is still a very outstanding, enriching organization."

Addressing the crowd at the reception, Hendrick encouraged current Greeks with her wisdom and humor.

" You have a responsibility to uphold your traditions and then to love each other," Hendrick said. "That's what this life is all about, and you do it so well. My husband always called Tri Sigma 'Sick Em, Sick Em, Sick Em' because they could get any guy they wanted; I did," Hendrick said.

Andy Bachman and Steve Roach were members of Pi Kappa Phi in the early 70s. Their organization's inactive status did not keep them from reliving the good old days.

They discussed everything from hanging out at Murphy's to the tornado that just passed by the frat house. Of great importance to them was the numerous big-name concerts that came to Northwestern, including John Denver, the Allman Brothers, the Platters, and, most of all, Jim Croce.

One of Bachman's and Roach's brothers was at the site of Croce's fatal plane crash in Natchitoches.

Not being totally retrospective, both Roach and Bachman were enthusiastic about the new IM renovations.

Kappa Alpha President Stephen Stroud summed up the night.

" It was great to meet all the alumni, hear all their stories, being that we can't get away with all they did," Stroud said. "Tonight has been awesome."

On Saturday, the individual organizations each held separate events from barbecues and golfing to shopping on Front Street. They returned to a tailgating party at 3 p.m.

Rhonda Regouffre, Sigma Sigma Sigma alumna from 1993, found the day's events meaningful.

" It was great coming back, being with all my sorority sisters and getting the chance to feel like a Demon again," Regouffre said.

Zeke Wetzel, Theta Chi alumnus from 1998, had mixed feelings.

"It's strange," Wetzel said. " It feels like they should be still screwing with me, but they can't anymore. Now that I have graduated, Northwestern is nice. You feel like you're bigger than the place, but you still want to come back for all the people."

Reatha Cox, assistant director for student activities, described the reunion as wonderful.

" We hope it's the start of a fine tradition," Cox said. " It was fun for me to see the camaraderie, the spirit of the Greek community."

" It was a great turnout, the largest reunion we've had in ten years," Horton said. " This was a pilot. When we do it next year, we'll probably do it all in one day to increase the attendance. Overall, it was a great event."

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Planning workshop given to students & faculty

Workshop given by Dr. Dale Lick

Gregory J. Gelpi
Contributing Writer

The University recently hosted a planning workshop for faculty, administration and students. It was given by Dr. Dale Lick of Florida State University.

"The world outside of higher education is changing much more rapidly and moving into tomorrow much more quickly than higher education," according to Lick.

The two-day workshop focused on creating a vision for the University. The first step in the planning process is to improve the University as a whole.

"We were looking for the opportunity to take Northwestern on the long range basis and move it in a direction we feel is appropriate," President Randall Webb said.

Those who attended the workshop identified technology and the organization of higher education as the primary driving forces behind Northwestern.

"I think that there is a very strong sense of future here. This campus sees their place in the future more significant than they ever have seen it in the past," remarked Lick.

The workshop continued a process that began last year under the Strategic Planning and Budget Council but differs in its intent.

"The plan seeks to improve the existing situation," Webb pointed out.

The process initiated by the workshop looks into the future.

. "The ultimate goal in this process is to arrive at a scenario that we feel is appropriate for Northwestern and then establish goals that are consistent with that," Webb added. "The next step would be to try to disseminate this kind of information and get some feedback."

Meetings will then commence to discuss concrete methods of implementation.

"I want to see us promote academic excellence; that is the highest priority that I have," Webb remarked. "Our goal ultimately is to, we hope by the year 2000 or 2001, have 100 percent of our programs accredited."

Students enroll in college for numerous wide-ranging reasons.

"One of the most powerful tools to get people to go to an institution is things like athletic programs," Lick said.

With the recent passing of the Intramural referendum, the student body is rising to meet this challenge.

"I think that this really speaks well of our future as a University," Webb said. "We require a health and personal fitness component to the core curriculum for the bachelor's degree, whereby we hope to instill in the students a desire for living a healthy life, eating a nutritious diet."

Universities face inevitable change.

"They either have to begin to change themselves so that they fit tomorrow's world, or somebody's going to do it for them, maybe not even properly," Lick said.

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Top 10 Reasons NSU is Paving Roads in the Fall instead of the Summer

10. Students cars were too clean, and NSU thought they would look better covered with tar and oil.
9. President Webb's low-riding Caddy was dragging on the speed bumps.
8. The soothing roar of heavy machinery helps keep students awake in class.
7. NSU feels dirt roads will make the campus look more historic.
6. NSU is searching for buried treasure to pay for the IM building.
5. The project wasn't planned to start until 2005, but since it took a year to fill the pothole in the Sabine parking lot, they felt they needed an early start.
4. The administration thought the smell of tar was more refreshing then the aroma of ARAmark left-overs behind the Union.
3. Ken Starr claims there is a stain under the pavement.
2. Sitting in traffic tends to take your mind off finding a parking spot.

And the number 1 reason is:
Louisiana Tech graduates needed jobs holding 'Slow" and "Stop" signs.

Top 10 compiled by: Danny, Andrew, Philip and Terry

The Campus According to Casey

Get Involved While in College

Casey Shannon

On a recent trip to Athens Georgia, I was reminded of the importance of belonging. During a basic tour of the campus of the University of Georgia the group that I was with was informed of the vast number of campus organizations.....of which the creme of the crop has to be a Hamburger Helper Club. This tidbit of information got me thinking about the status quo on the campus of good old NSU.

I have noticed that on this campus there is an unwritten law that more-or-less dictates the organizations that you should belong to. If you are interested in acting then you are one of those theater students, if you decide to rush then you are one of those Greek People, etc. I was under the impression that this mentality vanished after you earned your High School Diploma.

As we creep into the next millennium we should take notice of the changes in our society. One of the most important and apparent shifts has to do with leadership. The game of life is not being played in a trickle down fashion anymore. Leaders are now being lead by there followers.....OK, so what does this have to do with organizations on campus? That is for you (the follower) to decide. Do we get with the program, or do we stay in the same rut that we have occupied for the better part of this century?

This is the year of the follower on campus. We are represented by a group of leaders who believe whole heartedly in the new evolution of leadership. I (from experience) can guarantee you that if you walk into one of the student representation organizations' door, you will be met with less resistance than you ever may have been in the past.

So once again I sound my battle cry.....GET INVOLVED! There are a million different organizations on campus (give or take a few thousand), and just because you belong to one does not mean that you can not play an active role in many others. Even if it just a vote (on important issues like a new IM building....wink, wink) you are putting your own information and feedback into something. We have a civil duty as students to respond to the decisions our leaders make.

If we refuse this duty, then we will indeed transform our legislative body on campus from a representative democracy to a uninformed group of decision makers.....and we will have nobody to blame but ourselves!

Letter to the Editor

Why the Lack of Outrage

Our nation has hit a new low with the recent releasing of the Independent Counsel's report.

The salacious details are now on thousands of web pages on the Internet for the world to see. I firmly believe the public has a right to know what is in the report, and I do not disagree with the releasing of the documents.

What I do have a problem with is the president's behavior. How could he have risked it all for a lurid affair with a White House intern?

What outrages me even more is the 'lack of outrage' by the public. More people are upset that the report included graphic details than upset with the president.

What kind of morons are we? People should be demanding that President Clinton step down and end this embarrassment.

Over time our country's morals have conformed to society. Things that were deemed totally inappropriate 20 years ago are now accepted as the norm. Some people have even condoned Clinton's actions if that is what he has to do to keep the country on track and the economy booming. I do not understand that mind-set.

I believe our president should be a leader; he should be respected and held to a higher standard than the "Average Joe."

No one should commit adultery. No one should tell a lie. Of all the people that we should be able to look up to, I put our president in the highest category. First being, of course, our parents when we were young, followed by our teachers in school, church leaders and then our nation's president.

All humans have flaws. We all make mistakes. I wonder how could such an educated man and wise politician have sacrificed the public trust to have a two-year relationship with a young intern.

Not only did he betray his wife, which is a personal matter between him and Hillary, but he covered it up and lied under oath about it. Then he looked you and I in the eye and told us the allegations were false. How pathetic!

There are many issues that members of Congress are going to have to sort through to create grounds for impeachment. It will be a long, drawn-out process that will be hard on the entire nation.

However, there is an easier solution. President Clinton needs to realize he betrayed the public trust, lost his constituent's confidence and cannot regain everyone's trust again.

How can a president effectively serve without the public trust and with such distractions to deal with? Not even the "Comeback Kid" can get out of this one, in my opinion.

Mr. President, with all due respect, it is time to resign.

Chad H. Mills
Senior, Political Science Major

Star Wars

A Waste of Space

Chuck Weaver

I agree that the actions of Bill Clinton were immoral and ignorant, but enough is enough.

Yes, there is a strong argument when discussing impeachment possibilities, but I wonder if this, or re-election, is the most important thing on the minds of Congress members.

I challenge someone to discuss, in Ken Starr's favor, the decision to make every single detail of the "Starr Report" public. We already know that Clinton is a liar. Those who care have listened. Why won't anyone else?

Clinton stole money in White Water, smoked dope, dodged the draft and seduced women. All denied. The first incident left few witnesses willing to testify against the President of the United States.

In fact, if I'm not mistaken, the key witness committed suicide in a public park using the opposite of his dominant hand. How ironic.

Clinton didn't smoke marijuana either. Someone simply mistakenly saw him exhale. OK, he sat in a room passing a big fat one, put his lips on it to see what it felt like, smoke drifted behind his teeth, so he pushed it forward with his breath. Cool, he didn't inhale, so nothing was wrong with that, if you voted for him.

All sex allegations are also false. Unless, of course, it is a strong possibility that they can be proven. Then he did them, but to a lesser extent. Unless they can definitely be proven. Then he did them, and "I'm sorry" follows, if that's what you want to here.

The point I'm trying to make is that "those who care" KNOW Clinton is a liar. He has never met any moral standards of the conduct everyone is "surprised" he didn't adhere to.

Why do we need 101 positions blasted all over the media for everyone (especially children) to read? If they tell us he admitted to having sexual relations with a woman and she, with little to gain, swears it was in the oval office, while he was married, on the clock and talking to a member of Congress on the phone, that is enough. I will believe him and her on that one.

Why do they (Congress) assume we won't trust their decision to impeach, or whatever they decide, if we don't know about cigars, knee-pads, and phone conversations between the admitted.

We trust these people (Congress) with billions of dollars in taxes to be spent on God only knows what, yet they feel we will trust a man admitting horrific actions that he committed under terrible circumstances in humiliating fashion.

Why is there a need for everything to be expressed to every person in every detail? I don't understand how anyone could "honestly" think that the gory details of these actions need to be expressed to children, the same children who are currently processing thoughts and opinions about people in authoritative positions who make the laws that, hopefully, they will adhere to in the future.

Yes, facts are facts, but they could be presented differently. If someone commits murder with an ax, dumps acid all over the victim and video tapes it, then admits he did it, that is enough. Does everyone come out of the woodwork and want to see the video before they believe his confession was honest?

It's sad to say, but some sick bastard will, but hopefully most of us will take the word of the murderer.

Now we should discuss the possible downside. The economy is a roller coaster, we have terrorists targeting citizens abroad and another war is brewing on the Afghanistan boarder that will draw no telling how many eager "team players" with a gun.

Has anyone even considered the implications of impeaching the most powerful man in the world?

I agree he is a dirty rotten scoundrel, and those of you who now lie and say you never voted for him, I can *honestly* say I didn't. But when a man of great power is demoted, someone has to take his place. Exactly. Al Gore. Need I say more?

Not to mention the implications this could have on the stock market. Few of us are stock brokers, but an idiot can turn on CNN, listen and learn that when the leadership of the most powerful country on the planet is in jeopardy, people get scared to invest their hard earned dollars. If people don't invest, companies make cut backs, people lose jobs, buy less, more cut backs, fewer jobs etc.

This, of course, may never happen. I'm just wondering if anyone thinks of this when they confuse the impeachment possibilities and Ken Starr's soap opera with the O.J. show.

I'm no authority; it's just my opinion and I believe what I say.

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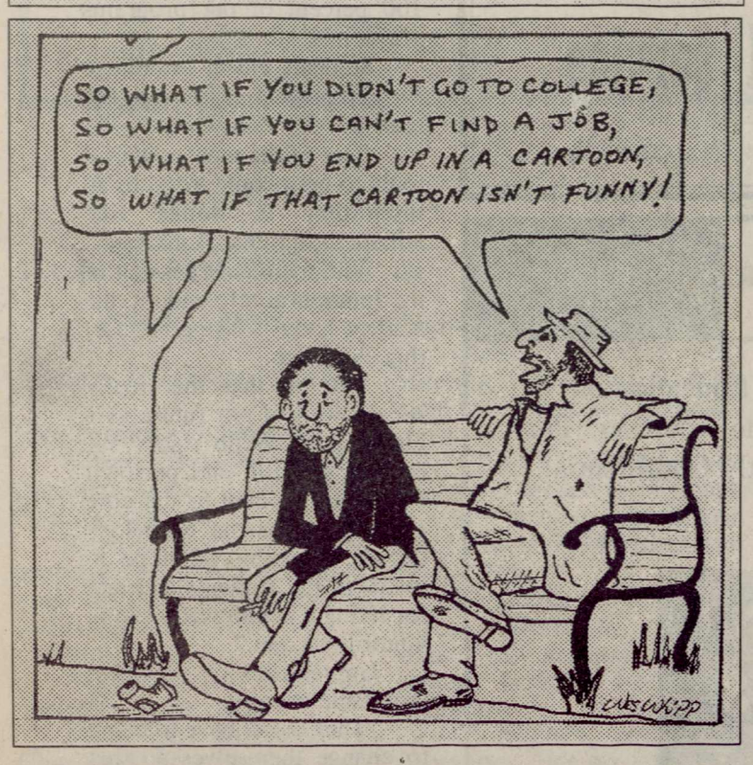
by Wes Whipp



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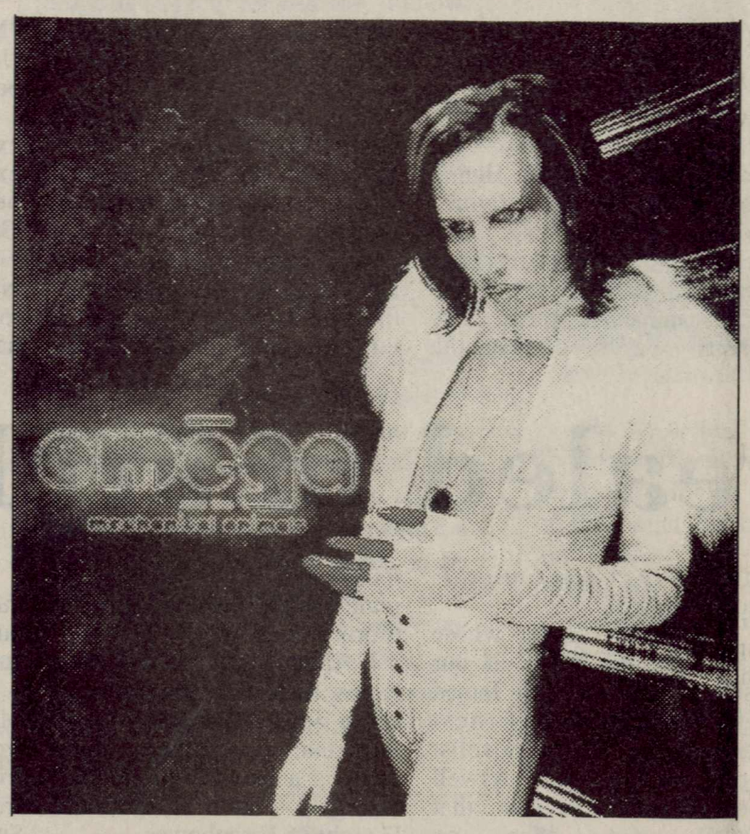

Evolution takes place constantly in the world of rock and roll. If bands didn't move up the ladder of evolution with their music, they would be stuck in the same old rut churning out the same old crap. Thus, leaving their fan bases to shrink to nothing.

Marilyn Manson makes an appearance on a higher step of this evolutionary ladder with an album that is much more polished then his previous works. Manson comes forth with an album that pets you while trying to rip your throat out as well.

This CD is not as dark as *Anti-Christ Superstar* was. It still retains dark qualities but more of a spacy feel is also given to it. The industrial flavor that was on the previous album courtesy of Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is almost nil here. This is most likely because Reznor did not produce this album.

It was announced before that acoustic guitars would be part of the song making process, probably making some believe that Manson was going the way of folk music or something like that. But he hasn't in the least.

In fact the acoustics don't overshadow the hardness of the album at all. They kind of work hand in hand with the other combos of live drums and drum machines.

Manson actually sings without resorting to growling and screaming as much. He does a good job with his unique voice and he even harmonizes on some parts.

Backup singers even help out Manson on the song "I Don't Like the Drugs [but the Drugs Like Me]," which has a surprising funky beat to it.

Many messages unify the album and the CD cover. Coma White (a term that doesn't determine whether it is a girl or drug that Manson is in love with), and Omega and the Mechanical Animals (supposedly these words stand for the closing of this chapter of life that *Antichrist Superstar* began.) The Mechanical Animals represent the unemotional people he was once surrounded with and was once himself. (I'm not making this up. This comes straight from Manson's mouth courtesy of MTV.)

Old fans of Manson will appreciate his willingness to expand his musical horizons, and if you haven't listened before, now may be a good time to start.

Crowbar pries open the door

Jaimie Walker
Contributing Reporter

Crowbar
Oddfellow's Rest
Mayhem/Fierce Records

Oddfellow's Rest is the latest release from New Orleans' Crowbar and their first on the new label.

It also marks the debut of former Acid Bath guitarist Sammy Duet.

Since I've seen the band open for Pantera when their first album *Obedience Thru Suffering* was out, this band has gotten better and better.

Oddfellow's Rest should silence all doubts about how great this band is. From start to finish, the band rolls forward like a bulldozer out of control. This is very intense stuff, both musically and lyrically.

On "Planets Collide," guitarist/vocalist Kirk Windstein sings with pure conviction.

The songs unfold with the core sound Crowbar is known for, but this time the band makes a smart move by incorporating some clean guitar parts as well as Duet's trademark piercing screams. This adds a fresh edge to the overall sound of the band.

Windstein's vocal abilities have never shined through like this on any other Crowbar album. From his usual shouts of rage to the dismal, restrained passages of despair, Windstein can be both vocally expressive and heavy at the same time.

The title track (named after a New Orleans cemetery) may surprise a few die-hard fans of Crowbar.

The band slows things down, which allows Windstein to really show his vocal range like never before.

Clean and smooth vocals echo over jingling, bluesy guitar play. It is a welcome change, indeed.

When I was told that this was the best Crowbar record, I have to admit I was skeptical, but boy, was I wrong.

Oddfellow's Rest retains the heavy essence of Crowbar, while redefining their sound.

In this case, Crowbar delivers heaviness while exploring new territories without sacrificing one for the other.

With excellent talent, songwriting and production, this is Crowbar's.. final moment yet. Crowbar is certainly the "world champion of metal."

Music to fly by

Lesa Thompson
Copy Editor

GOMEZ
Bring It On
Virgin

Picture yourself in a beatnik club with girls in skin-tight hotpants and guys wearing striped shirts with beanie caps, and you'll pretty much have an idea of what *Bring It On* is all about.

The music on *Bring It On* will flow from your speakers like smoke rolling off a tongue. Slide me some skin. This is far out groovy cool, Man.

Have these fellas smoked a lot of weed in their day? I don't know, but at this point, I'd be willing to bet a Franklin on "yes." Judging from the music on *Bring It On*, I'd say Gomez must have been talking about the weed. Mellow is definitely the word that comes to mind.

This music is far too laid back to have been made by anyone with a pulse of more than 30 beats per minute.

This is *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* set to music. This is Jack Kerouac expressed through the cello, a saxophone and some fuzz guitar.

Somewhere in the world right now, there lives a woman in a flowing white gown with carnations in her hair and Gomez on her mind. She must be the woman they're referring to in the song "Tijuana Lady," 'cuz that's the mental picture I get.

If you still don't get what I'm saying, just check out some of these other song titles: "Here Comes the Breeze," "Love Is Better Than A Warm Trombone," "Bubble Gum Years" and "Make No Sound."

It's acoustic and calm; music to fly by. That pretty much sums it up.

New sound of King's X

Lesa Thompson
Copy Editor

KING'S X
Tape Head
Metal Blade

"Lay down your burdens by the riverside. Take a deep breath and go for a ride....Welcome to the Groove Machine."

So say King's X on the new album, Tape Head.

This album leans a bit toward the harder side, but not too far. I'd say it fits into what some people might justifiably classify as alterna-groove.

Tape Head is edgy enough to sink your teeth into but definitely smooth enough to not send you scrambling for the Tylenol. The obvious blues overtones round out the album putting gravy on the biscuits.

It sounds like something you'd hear coming from one of those smoke-filled underground college hangouts in New Orleans.

I wasn't much of a King's X fan when they were a staple on MTV some years ago. Their music was a bit too busy and funky for my satisfaction. Since that time, though, the guys appear to have turned the funk down a notch, and their new sound suits me far better now than it did some years ago.

So if you're familiar with the previous King's X catalog but didn't really like what you heard, throw out what you know and give 'em another listen. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you hear this time around.

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Family Day successful again

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Writer

Parents had the opportunity to visit the campus Saturday as part of the Annual Family Day.

Family Day, sponsored by the Student Activities Board, provided the parents with a variety of activities to acquaint them with the campus.

The event began at 1:00 p.m. in the A.A. Frederick Auditorium with registration for the parents.

Free tickets to a Family Day dinner at Iberville Dining Hall and to the NSU vs. Henderson State football game were handed out to guests.

A general assembly, which began at 2:00 p.m., featured entertainment from ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger.

Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, Rebecca Dauzart, President Webb and SGA President Luke Dowden welcomed the parents and spoke about current topics concerning the students.

A tailgate party followed the Family Day Dinner with live musical entertainment from "Louisiana Express" and free food prepared by guest student chefs. Afterward, the parents were invited to attend the football game.

"We usually have about a thousand parents come for Family Day," Carl P. Henry, director of student activities and organizations, said. "We always have a positive response from the parents about the events planned for them. The parents enjoy having the opportunity to visit the campus and see NSU from a student's perspective."

Many students enjoyed Family Day because the event gave them the chance to visit with their parents on their own grounds.

"I think it's great that the University has an event where the parents are on the students turf," student Kathy Duvic said. "My parents enjoy seeing the University from a student's point of view."

"I think Family Day is an excellent way to show parents exactly how their money is being spent," student Earl Gates said. "It also helps those parents who graduated from NSU remember what it was like to be a student and [see] how it has changed."

Library secrets revealed in archives

Benjamin Joseph
Staff Writer

Welcome to the third floor of Watson Memorial Library, the Cammie G. Henry Research Center.

The research center is the place where insight into the great minds of our times can be found, according to Patricia A. Threatt, assistant archivist and helpful member of the staff in Watson Library.

While widespread rumors of the research center possessing some of the long-lost love letters of Hitler and Einstein were proven to be false, the *Current Sauce* got an inside look at the archives to reveal even more of the truth.

First is the Dormon Collection, which contains letters written from the great inventor Thomas Edison to Miss Caroline Dormon.

These letters concerned some information about the botanical studies that Edison was working on with Dormon assisting him.

Northwestern was willed these authentic letters in 1972 by the Dormon family.

Next, the *Current Sauce* got full access to the James Aswell Collection, which contains letters written to him by several of the greatest authors in American literature. One is none other than the author of *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Another author whose letters can be found in our research center is the famed existentialist Ernest Hemingway. The novelist corresponded with Aswell concerning a review that Aswell had done on Hemingway's work.

In typical Hemingway fashion, he finished his letter to Aswell by declaring, "This is a lousy letter, but by Christ, your review made fine reading to me (Paris 1929)."

Along with these authentic letters, there are copies of many other influential letters and important documents. Among them is a letter from General George S. Patton to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The archives also contain the marriage license, will and political testament of Adolph Hitler.

Overall, the experience is quite an interesting look into our past and is open to all students.

The library hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m; Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m; and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m;

Library office hours (archives included) are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Campus Spotlight: The Purple Jackets

Camille Nunez
Contributing Writer

The Purple Jackets have served as the official hostesses of Northwestern State University since 1927.

The Purple Jackets is an honor organization comprised of 40 women who were chosen because of their high ideals, strong character and service leadership.

Purple Jackets perform services that are beneficial to both the University and the community alike, and members are encouraged to exhibit leadership skills.

The purpose of the Purple Jacket organization is to develop in its members a strong character and a set of high ideals.

Purple Jacket members must meet certain qualifications. Each must hold at least a junior standing, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and submit a letter of recommendation.

Purple Jacket members must also be involved in at least two University organizations and hold an office in one.

This year's new members are, front row from left to right: Michelle D. Craig, Betsy Corley, Emily Leonard, Wendy Lanier, April Bradford, Jennifer Fabre.

Second row: Gylles Landry, Caron Chester, Monica Adams, Tammy Bordelon, Emily Tracey, Casey Ashley, Haguit Rivera, Julia Duncan, Nikki Walker.

Back row: Allison Tulod, Robin Hayes, Jaime McElroy, Angelique Duhon, Misti Chalette, Camille Nunez, Melanie McBride, Kelly Watkins, Kay Sherwood, Jennifer Graneaux.

"Current Quotes"

How do you feel about the IM referendum passing?

" I think it is good because it provides better facilities. so students do not have to leave campus to find better equipment."

Laura Wimberly
Freshman

"I support it. I believe in investing in our future. It will better our campus, so why not?"

Christina Jones
Sophomore

"I feel excited because our facility is not up to the standards of other colleges, and I want to leave something behind for those who follow."

Shelley Baswell
Junior

"I am disappointed that it passed because the money could be spent on something of more priority to students, like parking."

Gary Humble
Senior

SGA Platform Statements

Candidates for freshman class senator

Madeline Rozas

Hi! My name is Madeline Rozas. I am a Freshman here at Northwestern, and loving every minute of it! I am asking for your support at the polls this week to elect me as one of your Freshman Class Senators. If I am elected, you will see that I will do a great job in representing you, the Freshman Class.

I will listen to what you have to say and make sure that our voices are heard throughout the campus. I know that there are a number of situations that need to be addressed here on campus. I can be depended upon to see that we make the necessary changes to make our campus the best that it can be.

I was a strong leader in my community back home and wish to prove myself the same here at northwestern.

I was President of my Junior Class and Vice-President of my Senior Class in high school. I am very responsible and trustworthy and also very friendly. You can come talk to me anytime you want to share with me anything that you think needs to be taken care of on our campus.

I hope that you will make the right decision on Election Day and vote for me, Madeline Rozas, running for Freshman Class Senator.

Thank you!

Gary T. Rushworth, Jr.

Hi, my name is Gary T. Rushworth, Jr. and I am running for the office of Freshman Senator. I am from the great metropolis of Shreveport, LA and a graduate of Southwood High. I like to play sports and participate in extra curricular activities like parties; I mean socials, sporting events, and band!

Anyway I feel as your Freshman Senator I can bring to you great joy as you go through your first year of college away from parents and siblings.

I feel I would be able to strongly voice the opinion of our Freshman Class by doing whatever it takes to be heard, sorry no examples. So if you feel the need and you want to be the best, join me as I take you to the Pinnacle, sorry, the top, and vote, me, Gary T. for your '98 Freshman Senator.

Raechal Leone

My name is Raechal Leone and I am running for SGA Freshman Senator. I am from Shreveport and I graduated form Southwood High School, where I was Student Council President last year.

Here at Northwestern, I am a new member of Tri Sigma Sorority and a broadcast journalism major with a minor in Political Science. I have always enjoyed being involved in student government and meeting new people, being SGA Freshman Senator will give me the chance to do both of these things.

I am willing to dedicate my time and hard work to SGA in order to improve NSU. I am really excited about the upcoming year and hope that you will vote me, Raechal Leone, for your SGA Freshman Senator!

Candidates for the office of treasurer

Sybil Slatkin

I am currently a senator for SGA. I have a working knowledge of how SGA conducts business. One of my goals is to help improve Student life.

Lucas Shaw

The experience and knowledge to accomplish the tasks set forth are necessary qualifications for any elected position. In addition, I believe that a Student Government officer must have a desire to seek change and improvement in the university. More importantly, there is a responsibility to represent and voice the needs of the students. It is for this sole purpose that the SGA exists.

As a candidate for SGA Treasurer, I feel that my background regarding the fiscal affairs of the University would give me an inside track on concerns and issues the office will be facing this up coming year; and my experience as a representative for student life would benefit my intentions to develop the position of Treasurer to better serve the needs of the students. After already successfully managing a budget in excess of $25,00 as an undergraduate, I feel I can say that I have the knowledge and time to negotiate the financial matters of the Student Government Association.

This year's projected budget that the Student Government Treasurer will be responsible for managing is approximately $40,000; and as a reminder, elections are the most important time for NSU students to voice their opinions. Therefore, I encourage every student to use careful consideration when taking advantage of this opportunity to cast his/her vote in this semester's election. My name is Lucas Shaw, and as SGA Treasurer, I will work to enhance the fiscal affairs of SGA and the student life here at Northwestern.

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"Punch Party" $.50 Punch of the Week, $1 Well Drinks, Hot Sex, Tequila Rose, Jager Beer, 2 for 1 Puckers, $.50 Jell-O Shots!

Wednesday
"Ladies Night" Ladies Get In and Drink Until 10 pm, Penny Draft Until Midnight, $1 Wine Spritzers, Jagermeister, Tequila Rose, Hot Sex, Beer, 2 for 1 Puckers, $.50 Jell-O Shots, and a $5 BEER BUST!

Thursday
"Penny Night" $1 Hot Sex, Jager, Tequila Rose, Beer, 2 for 1 Puckers, and $.50 Jell-O Shots!

To The Bypass

Saturday
$3 BEER BUST, $1 Hot Sex, Jager, Tequila Rose, Beer, 2 for 1 Puckers, $.50 Jell-O Shots!

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Sports

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KNTS hosts show for Demon athletes

Chuck Weaver
Staff Reporter

The athletic department will have more media exposure this year thanks to Natchitoches' new television station, KNTS channel 17.

The new station will air *In The Sports Zone*, a show that will offer extensive coverage of all NSU sports. According to Operations Manager and Programmer Gordon Rivet, the show will spend the next 40 weeks showcasing and highlighting Demon athletics.

Rivet is excited over giving the surrounding area a chance to see the great athletic programs that are offered, but that may not get the media exposure that they deserve.

Doug Ireland, the director of sports information, feels *In The Sports Zone* will give the community a chance to appreciate the nationally ranked programs that play at NSU.

The athletes are also looking forward to the local media coverage.

Defensive standouts Rhett Crosby and Jake Michel anticipate better attendance at home games due to the exposure of the football teams success.

"We are out there every Saturday punishing people," Crosby said. "Hopefully the community will flip on channel 17 and see the big plays and want to come watch it live."

Junior soccer player Amy Fulkerson hopes the attention will give the soccer team the fan support they will need while defending their conference championship this year.

The softball team is also defending a conference championship. Former pitcher Jennifer Owens feels the show will give the community the chance to enjoy the success that they are experiencing.

The coaches are definitely excited about more media coverage. Coach Gay McNutt is looking forward to having a chance to play on TV in front of local fans, while Sam Goodwin hopes the extra exposure will aid in recruiting and motivating students to attend games.

"A lot of students see the names of athletes but not the faces." Assistant Athletic Director Dennis Kalina noted. " This exposure will put names with faces and hopefully students will want to go watch the ones who are in their classes".

Juniors Kris Wilkerson and Shadi Bouz like the idea of watching the athletes that they know when the games are to far away to travel. Other students, like freshmen Trisha Shrell and Jill Richie, are going to watch the program because they want to know more about Demon athletics.

Whatever the reason people watch, KNTS has everyone excited about their new program *In The Sports Zone*. This new show has everyone anticipating increased community involvement in Northwestern athletics.

Soccer goes 1-1 down south

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Defense was the word this weekend for the Demons as they split the last two games of a four-game road trip, losing to Louisiana State University 2-0 and defeating Southeastern Louisiana 1-0.

Amy Fulkerson had an exceptional week, since she was named Southland Conference "Player of the Week." Fulkerson scored on a goal in each of the Demons first four games and leads the SLC in goals, shot on goals and statistical points.

The Demons now stand at .500 with a 3-3-1 record.

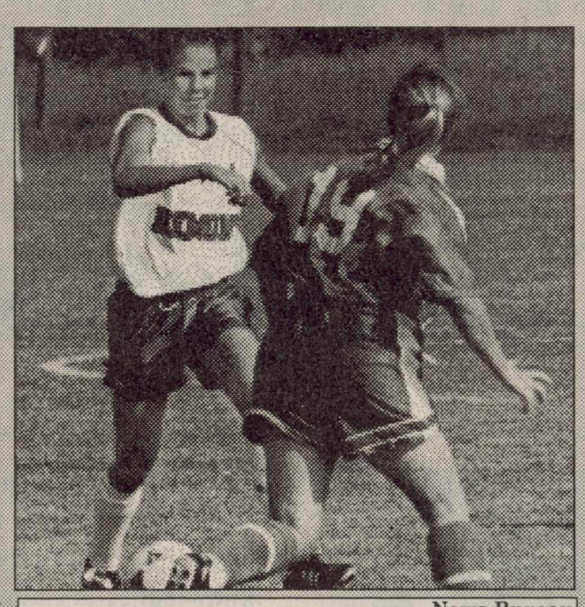
"To open the conference schedule with win against a good SLU team on the road gives us a huge boost," head coach Pete Watkins said. " This should send a message to the rest of the conference."

Friday against LSU, the Demon defense held the Tiger offense scoreless in the first half, but two quick goals in the second half for LSU proved to be the difference. Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler had two saves as LSU sent 22 shot to the net.

LSU, who improved their record to 4-1-1, also held the Demon offense in check, allowing only three shot to the Tiger's goal.

Sunday, The Demons regrouped, and Fulkerson adder her conference - leading seventh goal on the season to edge SLU 1-0. With the shutout, goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler picked up her first complete game shutout, as she stopped 12 shots on goal.

The victory against the Demons was the first conference win for Northwestern, who are now 1-0 in conference.



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Missy Payne fakes out her opponent and then breaks for the goal.

Volleyball team struggles in Texas

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

For the Volleyball team, this past weekend marked the beginning of Southland Conference play with a Texas road swing that went through UT-San Antonio and Southwest Texas State.

Northwestern dropped its SLC opener Friday night at the hands of UTSA's Roadrunners 15-9, 15-9, 15-3.

The Demons weren't able to overcome UTSA's outstanding .378 hitting percentage for the match. The Roadrunners were led by Tamara Luckemeyer with 10 kills and a .412 hitting percentage, and Katy Risinger who added 9 kills and a .600 hitting percentage. UTSA committed only 8 errors in 82 attacks for the match.

NSU was led by Kim Hand with 10 kills, while Kandice Washington contributed 5 more.

Missy Krause led the Demons with a .250 hitting percentage and 23 assists. NSU struggled all night hitting just .049 as a team and committing 32 attack errors.

Saturday did not bring the Demons much better luck, losing to Southwest Texas15-11, 15-7, 15-2.

SWT's Makeda Smith and Shenequa Bedford led the Bobcats' attack with 9 and 8 kills, respectively.

SWT hit .318 for the match, compared to NSU's .050, as the Demons committed 29 attack errors.

Kia Converse led the Demons with 6 kills and 7 digs. Shera Karasiak and Kandice Washington each contributed 5 kills apiece. Missy Krause amassed 18 assists for the match.

The Demons (2-7, 0-2 SLC) next open the home portion of the 1998 campaign this Friday night against preseason favorite UT-Arlington.

Tip-off at Prather Coliseum is set for 7:00 p.m., and they'd like to see *you* there!

Student Athlete of the Week

Warren Patterson
Football

The senior quarterback tied the school record with four touchdowns passes in the 53-7 victory over Henderson State. Patterson led the way with 9 of 12 accuracy for 209 yards. The Demons improver their record to 3-0 and move up to No. 8 in the country.

Upcoming Home Contests
October 15
6 p.m. vs. McNeese

Student Athlete of the Week

Amy Fulkerson
Soccer

The sophomore forward scored the game-winning goal in the Demons 1-0 victory over SLU. WIth the goal, Fulkerson adds to her team and conference leading point total. The Demons improve their overall record to 3-3-1 and 1-0 in the SLC

Upcoming Home Contests
September 27
1 p.m. vs. Troy State

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The 1998 Demon volleyball team is: Back Row (from l to r) Shera Karasiak, Kandice Washington, April Addeo, Heather Krolcyzk, Kim Hand, Jessica Smith, Kia Converse. Front Row (from l to r) Lori Dyer, Sondra Lima, Missy Krause, Kendra Peters and Lisa Abner.

Sports

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Reddies not ready for this!

Jennifer Quebedeaux
Staff Reporter

Senior quarterback Warren Patterson tied the school record for touchdown passes as the Demons ramparted the Henderson State Reddies 53-7 Saturday at Turpin Stadium in non-conference football action.

Patterson took the spotlight in the game as he tied a school record shared by Bobby Hebert (1980), Kenny Philibert (1977) and Dale Hoffpauir (1958) with four touchdown passes.

Throwing three touchdowns, Patterson attempted this record last year during a homecoming exhibition against Southwest Texas.

"I felt that I could break [the record] easily," Patterson said. "I respect the record that Bobby Hebert and the others set, and I am proud to be alongside them. I respect Coach Goodwin's decision. He wanted me to accomplish that record against a stronger opponent, and that's the way it should be."

Patterson led his team by completing 9 of 12 passes for 209 yards.

"As far as being on target, Warren was as sharp as he's ever been," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. "The three incompletions resulted from not seeing the right receiver or not being on time with the throw, because he threw the ball extremely well. He had a couple of great throws on the deep balls where there wasn't much room to get it in there."

Henderson State dropped to 1-2. The Demons, who traveled to Southwest texas next, moved to 3-0.

Senior tailback Ronnie Powell had his sixth 100-yard or better rushing total in the last seven games. Powell rushed for 116 yards on 10 carries for two touchdowns.

"The offense showed up tonight," Powell said. "There were times we didn't click the way we should have; After, we found our groove, and we stuck with it. The offensive line did an excellent job blocking, everybody did their part and that made our jobs in the backfield a lot easier."

The Demon Purple Swarm defense was on the ball as they held Henderson State to 278 total offensive yards.

Defensive back Kerry Hilliard led the team in tackles with seven, followed by Linebacker Lanny Lawrence with five.

Linebacker Matt Slate posted two tackles, one fumble return for 55 yards and a pass break-up.

"Our defensive line was knocking the ball loose all night, and that was a big key right there," Slate noted. "We kept the ball on the turf and picked it up when we had the opportunity."

Patterson's first touchdown pass came with 13:11 in the first quarter as he threw to T. J. Sutherland for 48 yards to put the Demons on the board 7-0.

Powell rushed for 12 yards around the end with 3:50 left in the first quarter to give the Demons a 13-0 lead.

A hand-off by Reddie quarterback Bradford Bragg to Anthony Wright set up a fumble for Slate who ran it back 55 yards to the Demon 34-yard line.

"I'm not real sure who hit the guy," Slate said. "I think it was Jason Miller, but the ball came loose and hung in the air for a good amount of time. I had enough time to cross from the other side of the field to catch it."

Slate's fumble return set up a touchdown pass for Patterson who hit Eric Granger for 34 yards in the closing seconds of the first quarter building the lead to 20-0.

Patterson then threw to Nathan Black for 15 yards with 11:58 in the second quarter boosting the Demon lead to 26-0.

Another fumble by Wright set up a 14-yard run by Powell 21 seconds later rocketing the Demon's score to 32-0.

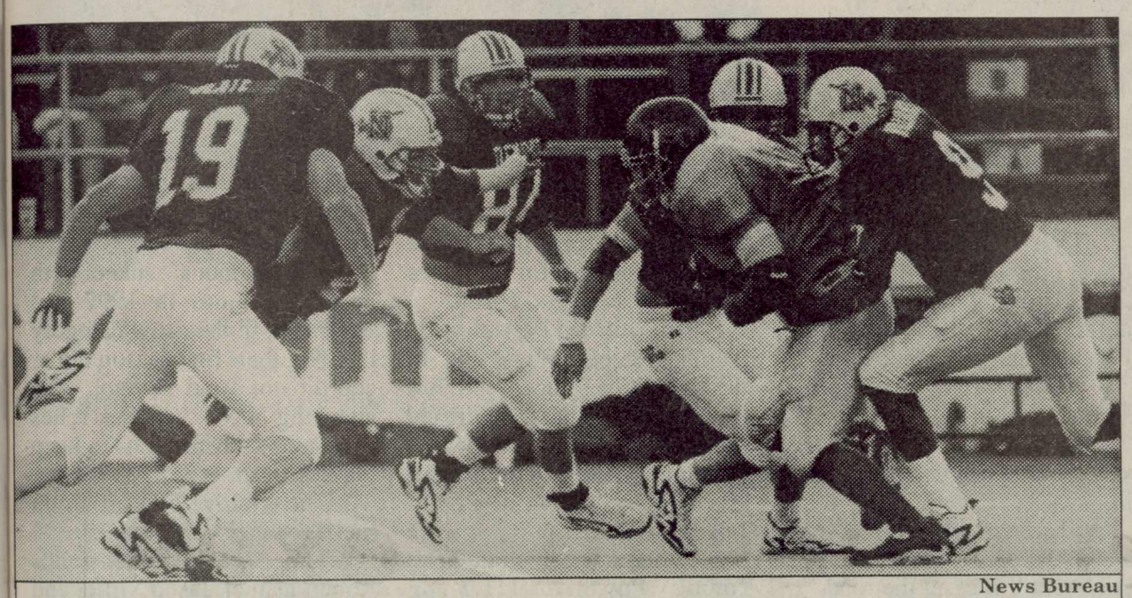
Patterson's final pass came with 8:20 left in the second quarter as he threw to Chris Pritchett for 5 yards, which gave Northwestern State an insurmountable 39-0 lead.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Brian Jacquet ran for 3 yards leaving Henderson State no chance of recovering from a 46-0 score.

After a scoreless third quarter, Northwestern scored their final touchdown with a one yard run by Tony Taylor with 10:37 left in the game, sealing Henderson's fate 53-0.

Henderson State's Joseph Smith scored their only touchdown, a five yard run with 5:31 left in the game closing the score 53-7.

"Good football teams take care of business, and we did tonight," Goodwin added. "We had a chance to let down after the two wins over tough opponents and playing a Division II team, but our guys gave Henderson the respect they deserve, and we came out playing hard."



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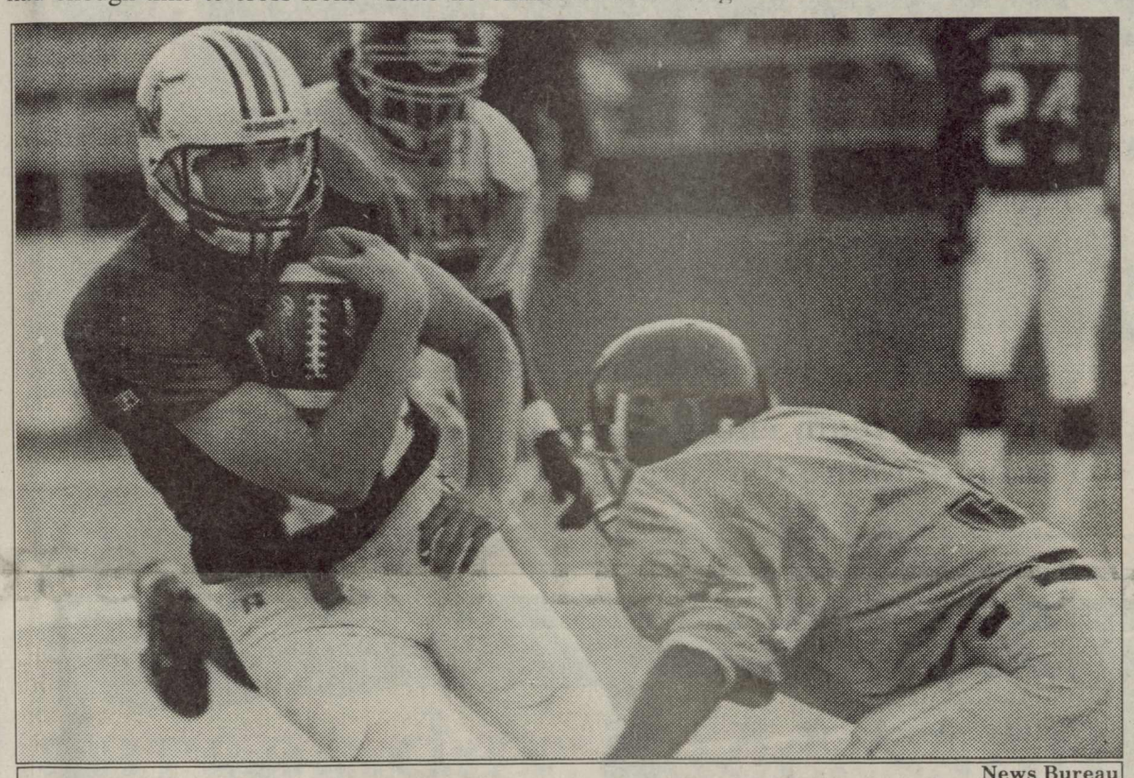
A Reddie quarterback comes face to face with the Demon's Purple Swarm defense, and he gets sacked like a bag of groceries.



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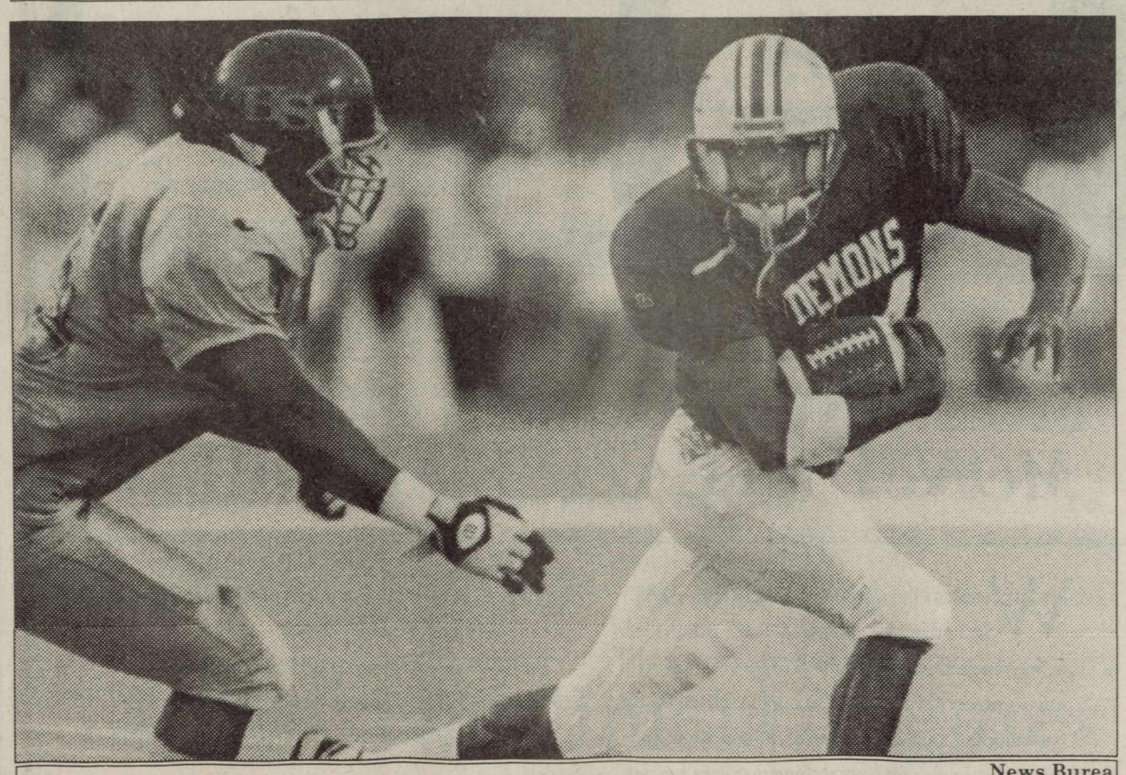
Nathan Black snags a pass by Warren Patterson and subsequently tries to avoid eating the turf at Turpin.



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Senior tailback Ronnie Powell evades a Reddie defender while running for 116 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries.

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___NSU at Southwest Texas___
___Idaho at LSU___
___Northeast Louisiana vs. Kansas St.___
___La. Tech at Wyoming___
___USL at Southern Mississippi___
___Arkansas-Monticello at McNeese St___
___Jacksonville St. vs Nicholls St.___
___Northern Iowa at SFA___

NFL

___Green Bay at Carolina___
___Oakland at Dallas___
___New Orleans at Indianpolis___
___Kansas City at Philadelphia___
___Jacksonville at Tennessee___
___Denver at Washington___
___Seattle at Pittsburgh___
___Minnesota at Chicago___
___NY Giants at San Francisco___
___Cinncinnati at Baltimore___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Tampa Bay at Detroit___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize.

It's a tie. Brian Duval and Keisha Savoy both missed the Jacksonville St. vs Middle Tenn. St game.

Both picked the Giants to win with a total score of 41 and 48 point, respectively. Good Luck to both individuals, you lucky dogs!!!

Sports

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Cross Country finishes seventh

Baker leads Demons at SMU Invitational

Mark Keough
Staff Reporter

Chris Baker, now in his second year at Northwestern, has proven to himself and his team that his years here will not be wasted or spent without his making a name for himself.

Baker, placing 21st individually this past weekend, led the 1998 Men's Cross Country team to an outstanding 7th place team finish overall.

With 11 teams and 96 competitors competing, the Demons proved they are still just as challenging this year as they were during the 1997 season.

The weather was humid, the course was rough and hilly, but Baker handled his business racing through the 8,000 kilometer (5-mile) course in 28:05.

"I felt pretty good Saturday," Baker said. "The pace went out really fast, but I just got into my own race and let the rest take care of itself. It was a very challenging course, but, overall, I am satisfied with our team performance."

Following Baker is Hector Andujo, the Jr. College transfer from Phoenix, who has also guaranteed that he is going to be a significant asset throughout the year, placing 26th overall and completing the 5 mile race in 28:17.

"I think we did alright," Andujo said. "The weather was hot, the hills were steep and the ground was really rough, but I think with a couple more weeks of hard training, we will be better and more prepared."

Sophomore Mark Keough, who has been struggling since the beginning of the semester, got boxed in at the start. Keough came racing in at 28:56 placing 34th overall.

Ruston native Todd Boddie trailed in behind Keough, placing 37th overall and ending with a 29:09.

Others finishing for the Demons and completing the job were Juan Londono (30:06) placing 46th, Robert McCormack (30:38) placing 50th, and rookie Kyle Thomas (32:24) placing 53rd overall.

"The guys ran a tough course but a decent race," Demon head coach Leon Johnson said. "I think their competing level needs some more work, but for their first race, I was pretty well pleased. Our group average time was 29:18.60. Our goal by conference is sub-26 minutes, and the way our guys are shaping up, we should be there real soon. Also Danon O' Kelly, one of our best runners, is out with stress fractures. Once we get him healed up and back to racing, our Men's Cross Country team will, definitely, be solid."

Out of 11 schools, there were 3 Southland Conference teams competing. Those were Northwestern, SFA and UTA. The Demons ran all over UTA, but they still fell a few places short of SFA.

"SFA, McNeese and UTSA have sturdy teams this year, but we are getting stronger day by day," Ruston native Todd Boddie said. "We are going to work on our game plan a little more this week, and hopefully, we'll pick them off one by one."

The Men's next challenge will be this weekend at SFA's Home Invitational.

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The football team cheered head coach Sam Goodwin for his induction into the Reddies Hall of Fame.

Football team opens conference play at Southwest Texas

Chuck Weaver
Staff Reporter

The football team will travel to Southwest Texas State this Saturday to start their defense of the Southland Football League title.

Northwestern leads the series between the two teams 8-7, and the visiting team has won four of the last five games in the series.

The Demons hope to snap a 0-3 record when starting conference play on the road.

Last week, the Southwest Texas Bobcats lost to No. 6-ranked Hofstra, 17-3, while NSU beat up on Henderson State 53-7.

The victory marked the ninth straight regular season win, the longest win streak for the Demons in 16 seasons under Sam Goodwin.

Coach Goodwin is the winningest coach in 35 years of Southland Football league history and can claim his 100th collegiate victory this week. He has been here for 16 of his 18 seasons as a head coach.

QB Warren Patterson is playing exceptionally well. In his last three games, he has accumulated a pass efficiency rating of 152.4, the 11th best in Division I-AA. The school season record is 145.5 by Scott Stoker in 1988.

Combine that with tailback Ronnie Powell's 111.7-ypg rushing average, and you have one of the best offensive attacks in the nation.

The Demons are also smoldering hot on defense. The run support is only allowing 61.3 yards per game and 1.9 yards per carry. This ranks them 7th nationally.

"Swarm, baby, swarm!" That's the chant that defines the Demons' Purple Swarm defense, one of the nation's most aggressive and best set of stop troops.

The Demons ranked 11th in total defense in 1997 and were 16th in the same category in 1996, their first season under coordinator Brad Peveto. The attacking 4-3-4 scheme relies upon mass substitutions to keep players fresh.

The Archive 5 is piling up sacks for their scrap books.

The five seniors (ends Robert Daniel, Jason Miller and Mario Sanchez, tackles Clint Loggins and Rhett Crosby) have accumulated 71 sacks in the last two seasons.

The school record of 37 (1987) is definitely in trouble. 10 Demons have at least one sack this season.

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Nathan Black catches a 15-yard pass in the second quarter giving the Demons an overwhelming lead. The Demons looks to improve their 3-0 status in their first conference game against Southwest Texas this Saturday.

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South La residents find shelter

Chuck Weaver
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of evacuees fled to north Louisiana this weekend to escape the wrath of hurricane Georges.

With strong winds and high tides sweeping the Gulf Coast this weekend, residents of southern Louisiana were urged to leave their homes and seek shelter.

Weather officials predicted that New Orleans and the coast of southern Louisiana were expected to feel the brunt of the storm, with winds up to 110 mph and a projected rainfall of 25-30 inches.

As people began evacuating their homes, hotel rooms throughout the state were quickly booked. Some evacuees were even referred to hotels as far away as Tyler, Texas.

Chris Pierre, manager of the Best Western Inn, which is located off of Interstate 49, said all hotels in the area were filled soon after the rush began Friday.

To compensate for the extra business, Pierre said additional hotel supplies had to be ordered.

"We've turned away at least 100 people a night," Pierre said.

The lack of hotel rooms has prompted area cities to open shelters for those evacuees who have no other place to go.

The Red Cross initiated a shelter in Natchitoches at the Health and Human Performance Building. The shelter, which first opened its doors at 7 a.m. on Sunday, is being run by the local sheriff and police departments.

Dr. Michael Moulton, head of the Department of Health and Human Performance, said the shelter has been such a success because of the many people who volunteered their time to care for evacuees.

Moulton said blankets, toiletries, snack foods and other items were donated by Natchitoches residents and student organizations. Aramark prepared three meals a day for those in the shelter.

Volunteers said, at one point, 150 evacuees were seeking refuge at the shelter. As of Monday night, approximately 65 people were still there.

Evacuees tried to make the best of a bad situation by reading, playing cards or engaging in some activity that would take their minds off what was happening back home.

Some people who live in south Louisiana said they had been cleared to go back home. However, most of them chose to stay at the shelter for a few more days until traffic has decreased.

Nancy Shaw, an evacuee from the New Orleans area, said she was very thankful to be staying in a shelter. She said she and her 1-year-old daughter had to stay in a rest stop Saturday night that was "hot and full of mosquitoes."

"This is like a vacation," Shaw said smiling. "It's like being at the Holiday Inn."

Nilmo Hernandez, another evacuee from the New Orleans area, made his way to the shelter with six other families from his home town. He said he was grateful to be staying in a nice and clean shelter. Other shelters that he and his family have stayed in were not as nice or as clean as this particular shelter.

"Everyone has been really nice," Hernandez said of the volunteers at the shelter. "We're worried about our home, but we're keeping the faith."

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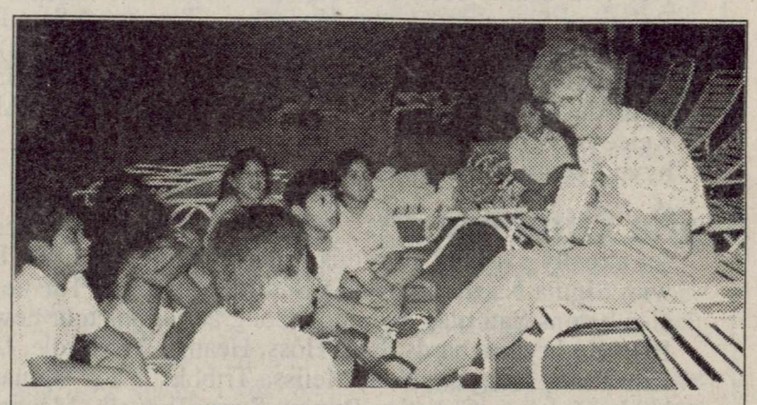
Families such as these from south Louisiana have spent the past few days in a hurricane evacuation shelter created on campus.



Natchitoches residents volunteered their time to help those people in the hurricane evacuation shelter set up at the Health and Human Performance Building.

Demon Drum and Color Guard held Sept. 19 in Turpin

556 High School participants attend

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

They came from Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and all corners of Louisiana. Hundreds of high school drum and color guard members came to the University eager to play with a college band in a huge stadium.

Demon Drum and Color Guard was held Sept. 19 with a record 556 high school participants, according to Dr. Kenneth Green, associate director of bands.

Students spent the day rehearsing the music and flag routines they performed during the half-time show of the Demon football game.

Aramark sponsored the day by providing T-shirts for the students. Row-Loff productions, publishers of the music that was played, provided the musical piece free of charge.

The day was intended to be a recruitment opportunity. Participation is up from 65 students the first year to 556 this year. Green said one of the reasons participation has increased over the years is because he chose music that is at an attainable level for the younger student.

"Most schools send out music that is pretty advanced, and these students would have no idea how to play this," Green said. "The attitude at most colleges is, 'That's fine, they can watch us play.' The college drum line would stand together as a unit out front and all these kids would come in and huddle behind them. I want kids to succeed in everything they do. Why couldn't these kids come in and have a feature that is accessible to them? They are going to have to practice it, no doubt, but they can play this stuff. They can come in here and say, 'Man, I hung with the college line' and that is fine."

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Another change Green has implemented is that he does not allow NSU students to stand next to each other on the field. He tells his students to "find the biggest pile of high school kids you can and insert yourself into the middle of it."

He believes integrating the younger students into the college line makes them feel like part of a team. Green's enthusiasm for music and the student shows as he talks about the event.

"Here's a kid that comes from a band of maybe 40 kids," Green added. "They are going to be in a college stadium...full of people. They are surrounded by 550 other players and...a 250 piece marching band that, not to brag on the NSU band, but that band will hang with any college band in the country, blowing a hot Latin tune right behind them, wow! I wish I had the opportunity to do this when I was a kid."

76 companies, other organizations make career day successful

Thomas Danna
Staff Reporter

Counseling and Career Services sponsored a career and graduate school day last Tuesday.

According to Counseling and Career Services assistant Angie Perot, 76 companies, graduate schools, and other organizations had display tables at the event. Student Activities Board gave free pizza to students who visited three or more booths.

"As a whole, this is the largest career day we've ever had," Perot said.

One business represented at the event was First Investors. First Investors is a 67 year old Wall Street firm and one of the largest privately owned investment companies in America. Lawrence DeHart, division manager of the Thibodaux branch, represented the company.

"We are looking for someone people oriented, professional in demeanor, and possessing three character traits: honesty, integrity, and loyalty," DeHart said. "We are pleased with what we see at Northwestern State University."

Ten schools from Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, and Mexico had display tables. Andrea Lowe was hosting Southern University Law school's table.

" Students seem interested, especially students from the Louisiana Scholars' College. At the Southern University Law School, we want students with a real desire for law, good reasoning and analytical skills, a good grasp for logic, and college level reading and writing skills," Lowe said.

The busiest table of the day belonged to the School of Therapeutic Massage. Not only were they recruiting students; they were also giving free massages.

"Career Day at Northwestern State University has been a wonderful experience for me and my school," Sam Gaspard, a student at the school, said.

Students who attended came in for various reasons.

Carlos Ratliff, a senior in criminal justice, attended career day to visit the Marine Corps table. Lai-Fa Lee, an international student from Taiwan majoring in electronics engineering, came looking for job information.

Some students requested to remain anonymous after admitting they only came for the free pizza.

See Career day *page 2*

14-day enrollment figures released by Registrars Office

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

The Registrar's Office ha: released the figures for the 14 day enrollment count for the Fall 1998 semester.

According to Lillie Bell, Registrar, the total enrollment for the Fall 1998 semester is 8572. This figure includes 5863 students in undergraduate studies, 245 seeking Master's Degrees, 4 seeking Specialist Degree: and 1 seeking a Doctorates There are 2459 part-time students.

The total enrollment figure includes 1553 incoming freshmen. According to Chris Maggio, Director of Enrollment Services, the number of incoming freshmen has remained stable since last year.

Maggio says the university does not have a problem with keeping freshmen at Northwestern.

"Our retention rates are pretty good," Maggio said. "The retention rate is around 61 percent which is above average."

Improvements in student services and recruiting efforts have also helped to keep the retention level of freshmen students high, Maggio added.

"We tend to see that students who are active and involved on campus do not leave," Maggio said.

Other factors, such as the cost of attending college, are also being addressed.

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Campus Connections

Psi Chi: Meetings Wednesday September 30 and Thursday October 1 at Bienvenu Hall Room 305.

College Republicans: New officers are: (Chairman) Charlie Penrod, (1st Vice Chair) Scott Debrose, (2nd Vice Chair) Catherine Gill, (Public Relations Secretary) Bryan Hunsaker, (Treasurer) Sara Debroeck, (recording Secretary) Joni Naquin, (Previous Chairman) Chad Mills. Congratulations on your newly elected positions. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. All parties are welcome. Come visit us also at our web site: hyyp://www.nsula.edu/~republicans/

Alpha Omicron Pi: Hi Alphas! I hope all of you are getting ready for a really exciting bash this Friday. Don't forget our Highway Clean-Up with Sigma Nu the following Saturday at noon. The new member retreat also begins Saturday evening. Congratulations tour new Alpha A's and B's: Kathryn richards, Pam Hoss, Heather McCardle, Deanna Seacrest, Kim Pratt, Jenny McNeil, Melissa Tribble, Lacy Dumas, Ashley Freeman, Nikki Didelot, Christine Primm, Susan Procell, Megan Gordan, Lori Cashio, Crystal Ware, Alexis Roy and Jessica Alligood (Alpha A's). Kim Pratt, Amy Stennett, Lori Cashio, Jessica Alligood, Christy Hanes, Nikki Didelot, Jenny McNeil, Lacy Dumas, Lisa Levell, Charnell Mudd, and Tiffany Jeansonne (Alpha B's). Good work, girls! Thought for the week: Trouble is only temporary. The lessons it teaches are permanent. Alpha Love and Roses!

SGA: The Student Government Association Senate approved $2,000 on Monday, September 21, 1998, to provide chartered student organizations an opportunity to apply for a grant of $200 or less. Senate members voted on guidelines for the grants last night. If any student organization is interested in applying, please contact the SGA office for further information. More information concerning the application and deadlines will be available next week.

Freshman Connection 1999: The Office of New Student programs is now accepting applications for Freshman Connection 1999 Summer Orientation Leaders. There are twenty spots available for highly motivated individuals who have a strong desire to assist new students and have a great knowledge of university rules, regulations, and activities. You must have a 2.5 Cumulative GPA and at least 30 credit hours. You must also possess effective oral communication skills and be able to facilitate small group discussions. Applications are available in room 103 of the Student Union and are due back in room 103 on Wednesday, October 14, 1998. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office of New Student Programs at 357-5559.

KA's: Faculty member of the month for October is Dr. Jack Pace. KA was presented with the Mayor's Award for their hard work with the community last Monday at City Hall.

Gov. Mike Foster stresses education at Long fundraiser

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

"The most important thing that it takes to really get people to work in this state is to educate," Gov. Mike Foster said.

This was the message Foster stressed Tuesday to an audience at Prather Coliseum during a fund-raiser for state Rep. Jimmy Long.

Foster told the crowd that his job as governor is to serve as a leader for the people of this state. His three main objectives are to run Louisiana as a business, put the state to work and "be first in some things."

To accomplish these objectives, Foster said education must be made a priority, which requires the help of many "soldiers." In fact, Foster said he attended Tuesday's fund-raiser to honor one of the "colonels" of this state — Jimmy Long.

"He's got experience," Foster said of Long. "He knows more about education than most of our legislators."

Long, who represents the residents of the 23rd District in Natchitoches and Winn parishes, is a former Man of the Year in Natchitoches and is a member of the NSU Hall of Distinction.

Foster has voiced his support for 18 constitutional amendments on Saturday's ballot. He said the most important one is Amendment 1, which would create a Louisiana Community and Technical College system and management board under the Board of Regents.

If the amendment passes, the affected institutions will be placed under the board's control July 1, 1999.

Long, who introduced the bill in the House, said the amendment is needed to fill a void in the state.

Besides Foster, other guests spoke at the fund-raiser in support of the man who many say is a champion of all levels of education in Louisiana.

"Jimmy has been the champion for elementary, secondary, vo-tech and higher education," Dr. Cecil Picard, state superintendent of education, said. "He has never given up on Northwestern, and now it ranks up there with some of the best academically and athletically in any conference in this state."

Dr. Randall Webb, president of the University, told the audience that Long has been a faithful server to both the University and Natchitoches. Webb also took time to present Foster with a school sweatshirt and the "Nth Degree."

"This is one of the highest honors that NSU can give," Webb said. "We give this honor in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty. Governor Foster is more deserving than anyone of this particular award."

Career Day...

Jenny Adkins, a senior in hospitality and tourism, said, "I came in looking for an internship, but there weren't enough opportunities in hospitality and tourism."

Blaine Allen, a junior in business administration, said, "I'm trying to find out what's happening in my major. But I think I want to go get a massage first. I think I might not leave that table."

"I think this was the biggest response from individual companies," Jennifer Maggio director of Couseling and Career Services said. "Employers were impressed with all the students who showed up with good resumes and proper interview dress. Overall, the day was quite successful."

Date rape seminar sponsored by office of student affairs

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

A date rape awareness seminar was sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and Organizations last Thursday.

The seminar was presented by Katie Koestner at the Magale Recital Hall.

Koestner spoke about her firsthand knowledge of date rape. She began her story by talking about her first experiences with men at college. She then explained that 84 percent of rapes are committed by someone the victim already knows.

"The rapist is usually someone close to the victim, such as a relative, neighbor, or friend.," Koestner said.

Koestner explained three steps that will lower the rising rape statistics. The first step is to better communicate with the opposite sex. She stressed that most guys only hear yes and not no. The second step was about respect. She said everyone deserves respect. Koestner's third step was to control alcohol intake when going out to party.

Ninety percent of college assaults are related to alcohol. She said that not only alcohol plays an important role, but there are also several different date rape drugs on the market.

Some bartenders have admitted to being paid to slip drugs into drinks before serving them. Date rape drugs affect the victim's memory and senses. The drugs are undetectable and sometimes result in unconsciousness.

Date rape statistics go up each year. One in eight men are sexually assaulted, whereas one in four women are assaulted.

Many students that wanted to attend the date rape seminar were turned away due to the unexpected high attendance rate.

"The seminar was a great program for those who had the opportunity to attend," Reatha Cox, director of Student Activities and Organizations said. "It was unfortunate that so many students were turned away."

Students that attended were very pleased with Koestner's way of addressing the issue.

"She brought out points that really hit home," Nancy James, accounting major, said. I hope everyone benefited from the seminar."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Vice President's Report:

-There will be a run-off for Treasurer and Freshman Senator Thursday.

-Would like to thank the Senators to look into a Child Care Assistance Program for Non-Traditional Students.

-State revenues fund this, and the individual student would have to apply for the funding.

-Spoke to the Mayor about a school wide community service project sometime in March

-The project would be for students to help places around the community that are in need of help.

-My office hours are posted if anyone needs me.

President's Report:

-Asked the Senators to approve the appointment of Paul Rome to the Senate.

-Went to the Tactical Planning Council meeting this morning.

-Don't forget about the Meet the Senator Day. Please give me your input.

-Requested that Fiscal Affairs get budgets from all organizations that receive money from student fees.

-IM Referendum passed by 65% of the student vote.

-All Senators who work the polls must remain neutral. You cannot give advice on who to vote for or how to vote on an issue. DO NOT try to sway votes.

-Sent a report, as well as newspaper clippings, on the new IM to the Trustee's Office.

-I need volunteers to work on the ITAC Committee.

-They will handle the money that has been appropriated to this program. The meetings are on Monday @ 10 a.m. on the first of every month.

-Asked the senators to approve a $2000 fund for grants to chartered student organizations.

-Also, asked that the Senate form a committee to help set the guidelines which the organizations would have to follow to apply for these funds.

-Someone needs to get Sybil and Lucas's constitutions from them.

-Encouraged everyone to go to Career day.

Committee Reports:

-Internal Affairs

-Meetings are Monday @ 3 p.m.

-Please get the word out about the elections.

-Fiscal Affairs

-Meetings at 6 p.m.on Mondays.

-If anyone has input or suggestions please tell us.

-Student Affairs

-Had a meeting Tuesday @ 7 a.m.

- We need more support from the Senate

-We have not dealt a lot with the N-Cards, but we will be soon.

-Club Sports

-Kourtney Kentzel not present.

-Academic Affairs

-Marcus King not present

-External Affairs

-Meetings are Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

-Motion to approve Paul Rome to Senate. Approved.

-President gave oath of office to the three new members.

-Motion to approve $2000 for grants to chartered student organizations with the provision that there be a committee set up to govern the distribution of these funds and that the Senate have the final say on all matters. Approved.

-Volunteers for Student Organization Fund Committee:

-Matthew Comeaux
-David Gunn
-Jamie Hughes
-Justin Courtney
-JoJuan Allen
-Paul Rome
-Micah Coleman
-Greg Gelpi

-Freshman Connection wants money to buy 1500 T-Shirts. There was a lot of discussion on this matter.

-Motion to table this issue in order to get more information. Approved.

Special Reports:

-Mr. Henry

-IM passed. You did a great job.

Announcements:

-Luke- Please sign up for ITAC.

-Next Traffic and Appeals meeting will be on the second of every month.

-Mr. Henry volunteered to help senators with the budget.

-Student Art Association visited this meeting. They are interested in becoming more active on campus.

-Nominations for Homecoming are not being done correctly in some of the dorms. The election committee needs to review this. Some of these nominations may be invalid. This needs to be investigated.

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CDC grant program to help welfare recipients find work

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The Continuing Education Department and the Coordination and Development Corporation in Shreveport began a grant program July 1, 1998 to help welfare recipients find work.

This 15-month contract should continue till Saturday, January 1, 2000. The University will work directly with CDC and the Office of Family Support to award a certain amount of money for work in Natchitoches, Sabine, and other Red River parishes.

"The objective is to get women placed in jobs where they will be self-sufficient," Patricia Timmons, program coordinator for Welfare to Work Program, said.

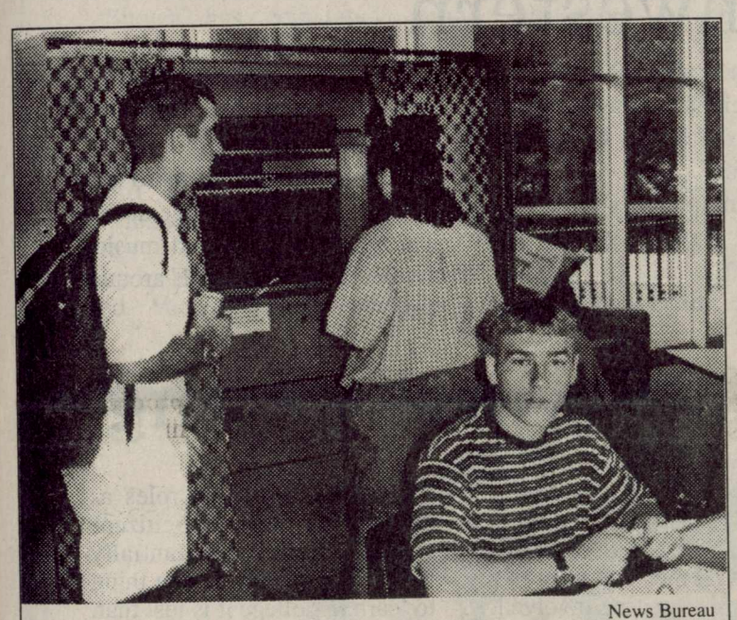
The program is designed to teach job readiness training and give job development, job placement, and support services to participants. The program will have one instructor teaching job readiness training and two job employment specialists with each parish. The main concept of this program is to provide self-sufficiency for recipients and eliminate any existing barriers they may have towards employment. There are three motivational and behavioral techniques taught in classes.

"The reality is it's time to get off welfare; it's over. We're going to help you make the transition to become self-sufficient for yourself and your families."
Patricia Timmons
Welfare Work Program

Through a classroom setting, participants will be taught self-assessment,life-skills training, career development and self-motivation to become well-rounded citizens, parents and individuals. The classes will be taught six hours a day for four weeks.

There will be a follow-up for six months by case management to make sure the recipients are happy and achieving their goals. Also, assistants will help with any problems that might arise on the job.

"The reality is it's time to get off welfare; it's over," Timmons said. "We're going to help you make the transition to become self-sufficient for yourself and your families."



News Bureau

We, The *Current Sauce* apologizes for the incorrect use of names with this photograph last week. Rachel White is not pictured above. Our sincerest apologies to Rachel White and the unknown voter.

University theater program seeking accreditation

Debra Parker
Contributing Writer

The University's theater program is currently in the accreditation process.

The National Association of Schools of Theater in Ruston, Va. is the national accrediting society that sets the accreditation guidelines for universities seeking accreditation.

NAST reviews the mission statement of the university, and what they have chosen as its focus. The organization then determines whether the institution is accomplishing its mission statement and serving the community as it should.

"It forces you to do a self-imposed study, which forces the department to do a self-analysis, which in turn, allows you to discover where improvements can be made," Dr. Jack Wann, artistic theater director, said.

In order to make these efforts a reality, however, a lot of time and hard work is required.

"There are a lot of physical areas that need to be updated," Dr. Vicki Parrish, associate professor of theater, said. "A lot of safety precautions in the technical areas must be addressed. There has to be safety approval, and areas have to be large enough to accommodate students."

Though the actual evaluation for accreditation is not until Spring 1999, Wann is spending many hours organizing files.

Every student who participated in the theater program must have an updated file, which includes every course the student took in the theater program and every production that the student performed. Every faculty member must have an updated file as well.

"It is an overwhelming task," Parrish replied. "The entire department has been working on it for over a year."

The theater program receives tremendous support from their art and music colleagues, which make up the Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

"This support makes our program the fastest growing theater program in the state of Louisiana," Parrish said. "We like to think it's the best. A lot of success is also due to the faculty, who is so dedicated to maintaining one-on-one relationships with their students."

Sharon Foster, costume designer for the theater program, said students have also worked hard to achieve accreditation.

"We are essentially rebuilding our entire department," Foster said. "It's a ton of work. I can't believe it. I really hope we get it. There have been students working hard all summer to get files in order. Without them, we couldn't make this happen."

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Police substation added to Wal-Mart

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Natchitoches shoppers can feel safer now that a new substation has been added to the Super Wal-Mart Center.

The substation was officially opened Thursday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Members of the Natchitoches Police Department and Wal-Mart officials believe the substation will deter the number of shoplifters.

Ross Adams, store manager, said this is just the latest police agency to open a substation in a Super Wal-Mart. He said other Super Wal-Marts within the store's district also have police substations.

The hours for the substation have not been set because three officers will man it at varied times of the day.

Police hope varied hours will reduce crime because shoplifters will have no way of knowing when officers will be at the substation. A public information division is also located in the substation.

Officers believe the new substation will improve their response time to areas under construction in east Natchitoches such as La. Highway 1 South, Keyser Avenue and Keyser Avenue Bridge.

Police Chief Keith Thompson said the facility cost the city nothing. Wal-Mart built a glass enclosure for the substation, which is located inside the store's doors on the east side entrance. They also provided a fax machine, copier and other office supplies. The total cost of the project was $7,500.

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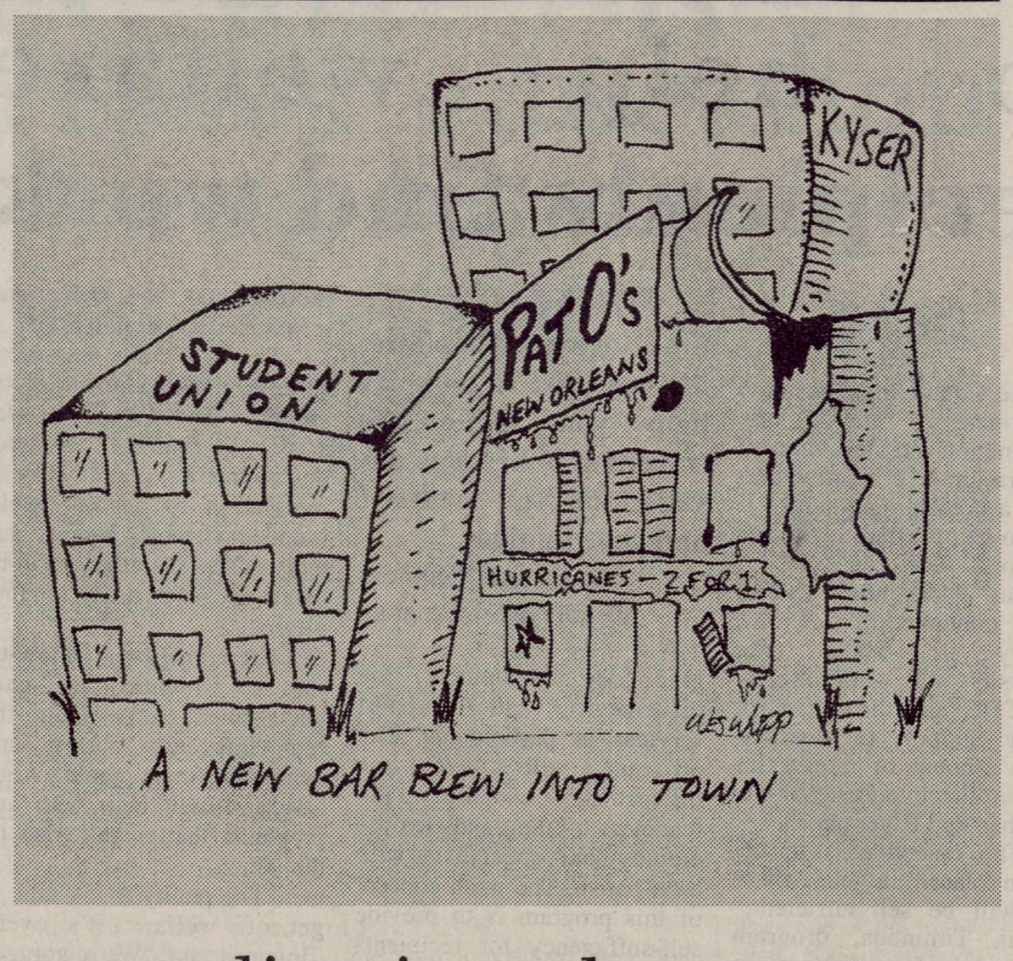
Our View

It must be rough living in New Orleans these days. Imagine going through life knowing that a major storm could come up out of nowhere (or the Gulf of Mexico) and change your way of life.

Many people have picked up there belongings the past few days and headed north to seek higher ground away from the horrible weather down south. It must be an unnerving situation to leave your home behind not knowing what, if anything, will be there when you return.

These people left the southern part of the state without knowing where they would end up. Some people had to travel as far as Nacogdoches to find a place to stay. This has to be a terrible inconvenience to their lives.

With the recent downgrade of Hurricane Georges to a tropical storm, it looks like the worst is over this time. It must be difficult living in a place in which these things happen with such regularity. To a lot of people who live in this area, it is no big deal. A lot of people will not leave their homes in such times. They would rather wait out the storm and try to protect their homes the best way they can. Our hats are off to such people.



Top 10 reasons to live in a dorm room while at Northwestern

BY DANNY HELMS

10. There is nothing like making an early morning migration to have a bowel movement.

9. It is always pleasant to have a wanna be mama to make sure everything is alright at 1am..

8. Fire drills look like a circus side show.

7. Free condoms

6. It is so nice to walk two flights of stairs to cook Ramen noodles.

5. The mattresses are finally broken in after 30 years.

4. There is nothing like waking up to the aroma of ARAmark breakfast.

3. Community shower, what better way to get to know people?

2. The toilet paper is like a cheap prostitute, it doesn't work very well, but it is better than your hand.

The number one reason is:

Why pay a cover charge at the bar when there is loud music, booze, and drugs all around you!

Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon

True Colors is worth trying

If you have a chance to take the True Colors personality test I highly recommend it. Though I was extremely tentative that I would be able to label myself by a single color, at the end of the test I was pleased with the results.

In order to keep your attention, I will skip all of the quirky details and simply suggest that you take the time to check it out.

At the completion of the True Colors test I was diagnosed as being a green personality type. As a green person, I am compelled to think to much and be an extremely slow decision maker. I am also allegedly "with vision" and "hard headed".

As a green personality I must admit that with all of the preaching and politicking that I due on a weekly basis via this forum, I rarely take time out to give props when they are due.

With that said, I have nothing but mad props for all of NSU freedom fighters (English translation.....I would like to congratulate everyone on the campus for a job well done). The voter turnout for the IM referendum was an example of the central theme to most of my columns.....getting involved.

Whether the bill passed will not be as big as the number of students who took it upon themselves to be a part of the process that gets things done in the world as we know it.

In a time where it is hard to look at the President of the US without cracking a smile or turning bright red, the only answer is to become a part of the process. As the world becomes smaller, our roles as the everyday-Joe-blow-citizens will become substantially larger, and if there is one thing to learn in college it is just that.

Again, I would like to congratulate and thank all who participated, and I urge you all to take it to the next level both on this campus and in the world.

The system that we operate under is in no way perfect. This makes it absolutely necessary for those of us who care to do something about it. Good job NSU!

David Sullivan Health Columnist

How to deal with stress

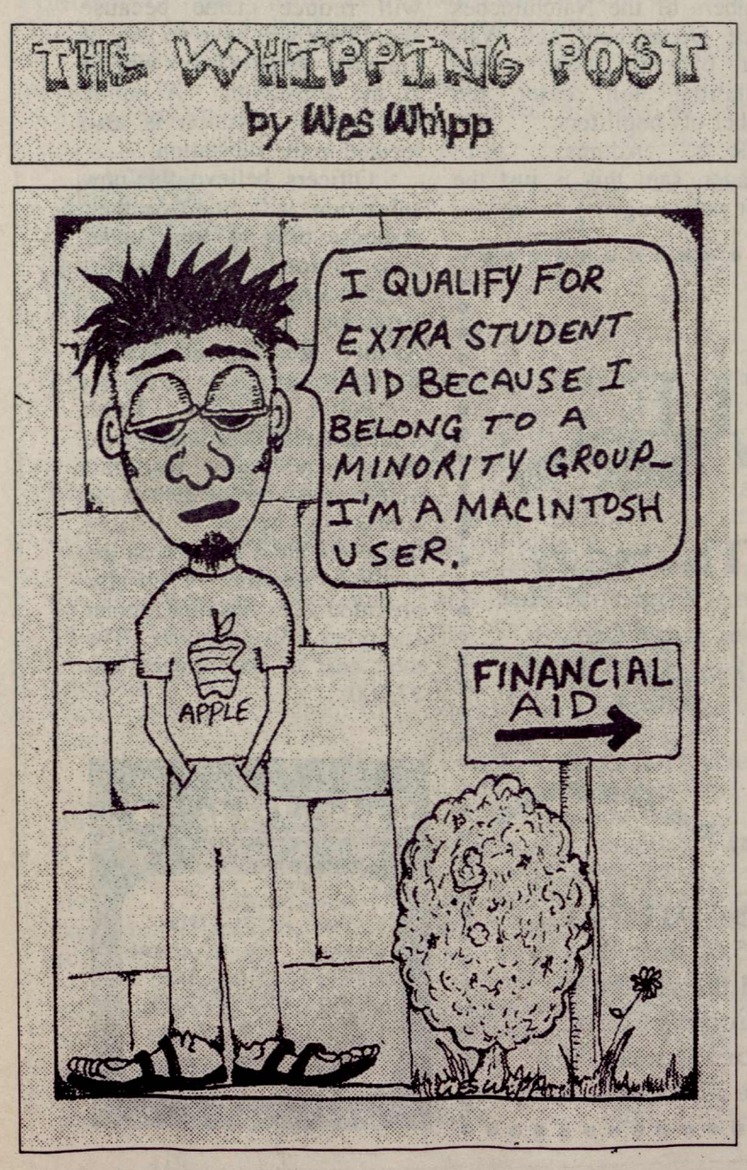
Every day many of us are challenged with intense and frustrating tasks that, when there is not enough time, space, patience, money, etc. we experience an unfavorable state of mind called stress.

Throughout history, people have tried various remedies to treat stress. Meditation or relaxation-exercises are highly encouraged among the professionals, due to the risk-free effects or sitting still. Other professionals prefer to write prescriptions for sedatives and other tranquilizing "mother's little helpers" for their patients.

For the less serious cases of stress, some recommend a fish tank. Something about the little finned animals frolicking together must have some kind of soothing effect to the psyche because psychology reports claim they reduce stress by about ten percent.

Sex, of course, is definitely a very effective means of relieving stress, however I can only recommend that treatment for the married. Who has premarital sex anymore anyway?

As a health columnist, I'm inclined to report that my favorite means of dealing with stress is none other than shooting. There is no feeling more liberating than vaporizing a beer can in the woods with a high powered hand-gun after a long day of putting up with disagreeable situations. If the source of your stress is a person, you may also want to try acquiring a photograph of them and shooting at that, not unlike the old "dart-board technique."



Letter to the Editor

I usually keep my opinion to myself but Becky Shumake's piece on the purchase of the ashtrays has motivated me to action. I agree that a provision has to be made so that smokers will not have to throw their cigarette butts on the ground.

What concerns me is the outrageous price that the university is paying for them. Even the most conservative estimate, which was quoted in the Sauce, seems excessive. Who has ever heard of an ashtray that cost 180 dollars?

I am curious to know if the University even took bids from other ashtray suppliers, if so could they have bought a cheaper one. If they didn't, then this deal smacks of the old government corruption that we have to deal with in Louisiana.

Things like kickbacks for public works projects that the state contracts.

I think the University could have practical ashtrays at a much cheaper price. What's wrong with going to Wal-Mart and buying 30 buckets? Fill the buckets with sand and let the art majors paint them in themes that relate to what building they are placed by (if that's too expensive then just put out plain buckets). Students could view artwork while putting out their cigarettes. This option would solve the problem while saving a truckload of cash (MONEY is our real concern).

Maybe I am ignorant and totally off base on this issue. If so, I want the people in the know to sternly correct me. I would also like the following questions to be answered: what was the closest competitor's price?

Are the pedestals sold separately?

Are these ashtrays that will last for the next fifty years?

If my concerns are remotely warranted it is no wonder why the university is strapped for cash. The university has to make sensible purchases to survive, not unlike its student body.

Sincerely,
Marcus Norwood

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End Hits is just the beginning

Sarah Thomas
Contributing Reporter

Fugazi
End Hits
Discord Records

Fugazi? When I got this CD, I didn't know how to approach forming an opinion about it. This group is different from anything I've ever heard. The only thing that I found even slightly common in their style of music were the choppy guitars and fast drum beats, but even these had their own unique sound.

It sounds as if they couldn't make up their minds about exactly how they wanted to play so they threw in some funk, rock, cool guitar riffs and different drum beats together with some great lyrics. All these elements come together to produce a very excellent and exciting sound.

Some songs slowed down the furious pace and my heart was allowed to recuperate. For example, one of my favorite tracks, "Close Captioned', has a slow yet funky beat, but the band leaves you no time to fall asleep.

The only downfall to *End Hits* is the vocalist who sometimes sounded like not much more than a screaming, inexperienced garage band singer. He was one of those vocalists who just yell into the mic and call it singing, however (thankfully) his yelling is limited and more than made up for by the music and I definitely recommend adding this album to your collection.

This is my first time listening to Fugazi, and I am impressed. I have always heard people talk about this band. I've even read articles but never taken the time to listen. Don't make the same mistake. This CD will get you pumped up and ready to conquer the world. Well, not really conquer the world, but it will definitely put you in a good mood.

So, if you are tired of all those sappy songs you hear on the radio about twenty times a day, pick up *End Hits* for a change. It's definitely worth the money.

Check out *End Hits* and see for yourself.

Misery and madness

Jamie Walker
Contributing Reporter

Slayer
Diabolus In Musica
American Recordings

Diabolus In Musica is the latest full-length album of original material from Slayer.

First off, the albums' cover isn't as disturbing as previous Slayer records, but it is still eerie, nonetheless.

Slayer has reinstated Paul Bostaph behind the drums and has forged ahead with another heavy-as-lead addition to the Slayer resume'.

All the agony, misery and madness from other albums is here, but Slayer seems to be modernizing its sound. Vocalist/bassist Tom Araya actually does some interesting things with his vocals. He adds effects and double tracks his vocals more on this album, but it really adds more atmosphere to the mayhem of this record.

Guitarists King and Hanneman lets Araya show off his playing more, which is also new for a Slayer album.

The first track, "Bitter Peace," sets the pace for the madness that follows. Twin guitar grinding attack appears courtesy King and Hanneman. The song's lyrics are as brutal as the music: "Initiate blood purge/ Coalition in massacre/ Mechanized high-tech/ Whole-sale death in effect..." This isn't radio friendly music by any means, and that's a compliment.

Slayer has survived well over ten years with virtually no radio support. The band still plays with a fierceness forsaken by too many bands to mention who hope to widen their audiences.

As odd as it may sound, Slayer seems to have adapted some rap elements into the sound, such as in "Stain of Mind." It really sounds good, and it is undoubtedly still Slayer. The core sound remains, and the new elements are an added bonus to the overall intensity of Diabolus In Musica.

Other tracks to heed are "Pervasions of Pain," "Death's Head" and "Desire."

Overall, Slayer has appeased its hard-core fan base while trying to offer something new to its legacy.

In Case You Missed It...

Justin Warfield
My Field Trip to Planet 9
Qwest Records

In case you missed it, *My Field Trip to Planet 9* was released way back in 1993. When grunge was dominating the rock scene and gangsta rap was taking over urban music, along came the 18 year-old, half-black, half-Jewish, beatnik rapper, Justin Warfield.

Rap fans may have missed it because most record stores carry the CD in their rhythm and blues section, but it is definitely worth tracking down.

The music itself is an interesting mix of old school 80's hip-hop over 60's psychedelic rock with heavy drum beats and the occasional sitar or piano thrown in for flavor.

His music reflects a wide variety of influences ranging from the Beastie Boys to the Violent Femmes and his lyrics are witty, intelligent and cover topics from drug use to vegetarianism.

Cainan Baker called this "The best rap album that nobody ever heard," and I happen to agree.

The young Justin Warfield, was far ahead of his time. This album is clever, upbeat and has a genuinely unique sound so if you missed it, now is your chance to catch it.

LOCAL H

pack the cats

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Local H
Pack Up the Cats
Island Records

"Pack up the cats we're moving back to the city." Local H is back with their new album *Pack Up the Cats*. This is the second album from the Chicago based two-man band and it brings back their unique style of guitar driven rock that made their first album such a wonderful listening experience. In fact, as far as sound and lyrical content, this album is basically a continuation of the first. If you play them back to back you really won't notice much of a change at all.

There is, however, a great blend of music on this album from fraternity anthems to poignant ballads and, the best, those songs that the radio would never touch

Scott Lucas, the bands lead singer, shows great vocal range between all out screaming on "Cool Magnet" to melodic crooning on "Lucky Time" and others while playing both the bass and the guitar.

Their first single, "All the Kids are Right", is an almost pop tune about fans who were disappointed because the band didn't rock harder: "You won't wear our t-shirts now."

While *Pack Up the Cats* was an overall good album and worth checking out, it really can't compare to their first. This may be because the music sounded so similar, but lacked some of the emotional drive and raw edge of their first cd.

Old fans should be delighted though, and new-comers should enjoy the versatility and style on *Pack Up the Cats*.

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Hazing seminar set for tonight

Raymond Williams
Staff Writer

David Westol, Executive Director of Theta Chi International Fraternity, will give a presentation on hazing tonight in Magale Recital Hall at 8 pm.

"I plan to give graphic illustrations on what can go wrong with hazing," Westol said.

Hazing is not just a social Greek problem but that it can affect all organizations. For this reason, the hazing workshop is intended for all.

Hazing is defined in the Student Handbook as many different actions and situations created, whether on or off university property, which is life threatening or mentally humiliating to the individual.

There are some acts and situations that are clearly stated as being unacceptable,but on the other hand some "taboo" acts and situations are left with an open interpretation which causes some controversy.

Norm Tanner, a Junior and member of Phi Beta Sigma, said, "As far I'm concerned, living in Rapides Residence Hall can be considered hazing for first time freshmen who aren't apart of Greek life."

"Hazing shouldn't be done," said Heather Johnson, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. "I know that my chapter doesn't haze, but I don't have the right to say whether any other organizations are doing it."

However, it is rather idealistic to say that hazing does not occur on college campuses, according to Reatha Cox, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

"Some incidents that occur could be considered hazing, but many people don't consider things that are just plain humiliating or demeaning as hazing," Cox said. "The best way to avoid any dangerous incidents is by being proactive to situations instead of reactive."

The idea behind having a hazing workshop every year is to be proactive, Cox said.

"Human ego is the main reason why hazing takes place," Westol continued. "Hazing is a way to exert influence and authority over others."

Westol aims his presentation at two distinct groups. First, he targets those who hate hazing and then the small minority of those who believe in hazing.

"Hazing is wrong and if we don't get rid of it, it will get rid of us," Westol added.

"It is surprising that hazing plays such a large role in Greek life across the country," said Michele McCormack, a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Attending "Hazing On Trial" is mandatory for all Greek 1010 students. Officer representation from all university organizations is also required. Students can hope to get some clarifications as to what hazing can be and why it should not be done.

David Westol has delivered his "Hazing on Trial" presentation over 900 times at over 300 campuses and over 100 national fraternity and sorority conventions since 1981. He has also lectured on legal affairs and liabilities.

Westol has received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Michigan State University in 1973 and a Juris Doctorate from The Detroit College of Law in 1979.He currently serves on the National Interfraternity Conference Legal Affairs Committee.

Area banks ready to face Y2K challenge

Melissa Z. Carpenter
Contributing Writer

There has been a lot of public attention lately concerning the impact that the Year 2000 date change could have on businesses, utilities, banks and other organizations that rely on computerized systems to help run their operations.

Banks and savings associations use computer systems to perform financial calculations, track deposits and loan payments, transfer funds and make direct deposits. Computer software and computer chips also are used to run important devices such as security systems, vaults and communications networks.

Experts say that because of their reliance on these systems, banks and savings associations of all sizes are placing great emphasis on making sure their systems are Y2K ready by adopting plans to ensure success.

Bobby Cedars, assistant vice president of City Bank & Trust Co., said "These plans are detailed road maps that set out specific dates when critical steps must be taken." Banks and savings associations are required to have critical steps completed well before the Year 2000.

"All systems need to be renovated or replaced by the end of 1998" Floyd McLain, Vice President of Operations at LaCapital Federal Credit Union, said. "We plan to have completed testing on all systems by June 1999."

Banks and savings associations are required to keep backup records for account transactions so they can recover this information in case of an emergency. These records could be used to identify and correct errors that might affect your deposit, loan or other account due to a Year 2000 computer problem.

"LaCapital's biggest concern is that people will over react " McLain said. "Our biggest job is making sure our members have confidence-cool heads prevail."

To ensure no mistakes in your account you should keep records of all your bank statements, deposits and loan accounts. These records will help you resolve any account errors resulting from the Year 2000 date change.

"Current Quotes"

How has hurricane Georges affected you?

"It has not affected me as much as my friends and their family. Some had to pack-up and stay in Shreveport."

Mary Montgomery
Freshman
Derrider

"My family left and we had to board-up the windows. It was a big scare for nothing and we can't get back to New Orleans because the roads are closed. It's a scary feeling because you don't know what's going to happen. If it would have hit it would have put us completely under."

Tiffany Murry
Sophomore
New Orleans

"This isn't the first time my house has flooded this year. My whole family, 12, bunked at my two bedroom apartment Saturday night. We had people including; my aunt, uncle, cousin, uncles mother, aunts dog, my mom, dad, little sister, big sister brother-in-law and our dog sleeping on the floors beds and couches."

Jamie Hughes
Junior
New Orleans

"My parents haven't called me and as far as I know my house may have floated away or is flooded again."

Andrea Lemoine
Senior
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Sports

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Volleyball team toughs out week

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The NSU Volleyball team displayed great poise, character, and an overall good showing this past week in three matches against Centenary, UT-Arlington, and Sam Houston State.

The week began Tuesday as the Demons traveled to Shreveport for a match against the Ladies of Centenary. The Demons started slow but quickly found the rhythm in a highly-competitive match that went four games in which the Ladies prevailed, 15-5, 15-9, 12-15, 17-15.

After Centenary captured the first game, the Demons made a late charge in game 2, but fell just short. Game 3 saw the Demons rally from an early deficit to win 15-12. Game 4 summed up the highly competitive, exciting affair, as Centenary struggled to slip past the upstart Demons 17-15.

Centenary found itself lucky to escape with the match, as the Demons actually outhit the Ladies, with a .209 attack percentage to Centenary's .164. The Demons were just unable to overcome its 12 reception errors.

Kim Hand led the Demons with 13 kills, and Kandice Washington chipped in 12 of her own. Sondra Lima recorded 12 digs and Jessica Smith added 8, while Missy Krause led the Demons with 31 assists.

This past weekend the Demons were finally able to return home to the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum, after playing the first 11 matches on the road. It began Friday as league-leading UTA came calling.

The Demons started slowly again, before turning up the heat on the Mavericks. NSU proved to UTA that they can play with anyone, before falling just short, 15-3, 15-6, 15-11.

"We played hard, but in the first game we weren't communicating," head coach Mary DeJute said. "In the second and third games, we were with them point for point, except for we allowed them to go on a couple of runs."

Kia Converse opened many eyes around the Southland Conference, recording a game-high 15 kills while chipping in 11 digs as well. Jessica Smith added 5 kills of her own, and Missy Krause totaled 29 assists and 9 digs as well. The only thing that wasn't on the Demons side was the laws of physics as UTA outhit the Demons, .200 to .105.

"It was our home opener and in that first game, we had the jitters," Krause added. "But in the second game we hung with them, and then in the third game, we took it to them."

Saturday night, the Ladykats of Sam Houston State came to tangle with Demons. The Demons again played well, and were even in all facets of the match, except for the scoreboard, as Sam Houston prevailed in a tough one, 15-7, 15-12, 15-6.

"Tonight we just ran out of steam," DeJute stated. "We couldn't shut down their middles. We were statistically neck and neck with them."

Converse again led the Demons with 10 kills and 13 digs, while Kandice Washington and Jessica Smith chipped in 6 and 5 kills respectively. Krause amassed 31 assists, while Shera Karasiak contributed 13 digs as well. Again, the nemesis was hitting, as the Demons hit only .113, compared to SHSU's .277.

"We fought hard, their front line was big, and the balls were just in the right spots for them," Krause said. "This weekend, neither team won...we beat ourselves with our hitting and defensive errors."

Next up for the Demons (2-11, 0-4 SLC) is a very important road swing, beginning Tuesday at Northeast, before heading to play at SFA and McNeese this weekend.

"We just haven't found the groove yet," DeJute said. "I think we will find the groove, it's just taking longer than what we all expected. But we are a very scrappy team. Our hitting has improved, and we need to establish our middles. Our biggest goal is for our hitting percentage to go up, and for our middles to be more aggressive."

The Demons' next home match is October 9th versus Lamar at 7:00pm in Prather Coliseum.

Soccer pulls horse trick with Troy State

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demon soccer team pulled a wooden horse trick Sunday, as they defeated a puny Troy State Trojans team 5-1.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler became the second Demon in three weeks to be named Southland Conference Player of the Week. Swingler, a freshman from Austin, Texas, has 35 saves, five of which came Sunday against Troy State, with a 1.16 goals against average this year.

The Demons overcame a sluggish first half against the Lady Trojans to score four goals in the first 20 minutes of the second half.

Freshman Stephanie Alaniz scored her first goal of the season late in the first half to give the Demons a 1-0 lead heading into the next half.

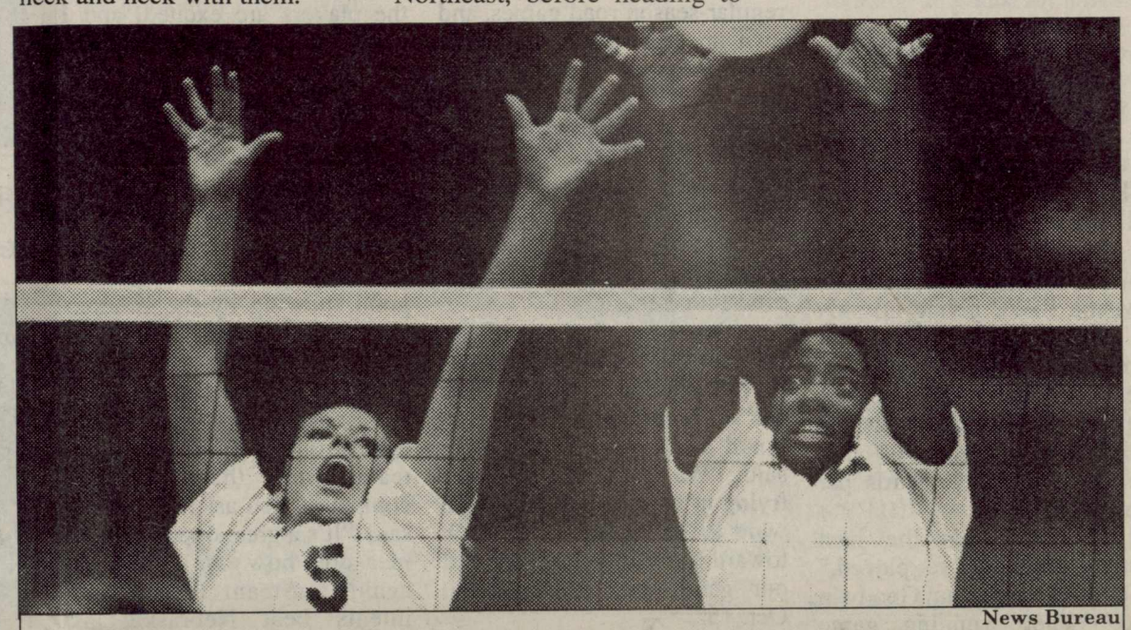
"Our freshmen came off the bench and gave us a spark in the 2nd half that we really needed," Demon head coach Pete Watkins said. " The game was a lot closer than the score indicated."

With 26 shots on goals Sunday, the Demons now lead the Southland Conference in every major category. Northwestern State has made 29 of 128 shots on goal, compared to 93 shots and 13 goals by the rest of the conference.

Amy Fulkerson also leads the conference in goals with eight, and Brittany Cargill is second in the league in statistical points with 12.

Sunday's win now moves the Demons to 4-3-1 and 1-0 in conference.

The Demons will travel to Lake Charles on Wednesday to face in-state rival McNeese State in a crucial conference match-up.



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Shera Karasiak and Kandice Washington attempt to block the kill this weekend.

Student Athlete of the Week

Eric Granger
Football

The junior wide receiver caught three passes for 130 yards in the 34-10 victory over Southwest Texas. Granger's three receptions include a 75-yard bomb from Warren Patterson. The Demons improve their record to 4-0 to remain nationally ranked in the top 10.

Upcoming Home Contests
October 15th
6 p.m. vs. McNeese

Student Athlete of the Week

Kelly Knapschafer
Soccer

The junior forward tallied three shots on goal including one that connected for the game winning goal in the 5-1 victory over Troy State. Knapschafer score on an unassisted play in the 53rd minute of play. The Demons improve their overall record to 4-3-1 and 1-0 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
October 2nd
2pm vs. Cen. Arkan.

To the Volley b a l l Team

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the members of the NSU Volleyball Team for several of my past articles and some offhand remarks I made last week. I realize I was wrong on all accounts and I am not going to attempt to make excuses for my actions, as I realize that there are none acceptable for the injustices I have committed.

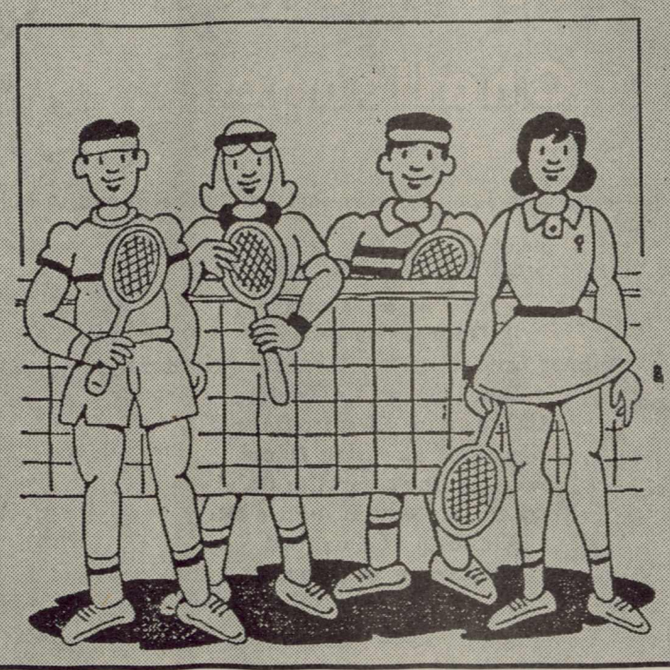
I would like to start by saying that I am sorry that my past few articles have been somewhat bothersome to you. I will do my best in the future to do better, and you know what I mean.

Furthermore, I apologize for the comments I made last week. It was totally uncalled for, and I was way out of line. I let my emotions and mouth get the best of me. I did not mean to offend any of you at all, although I know I did so.

In conclusion, I ask for your forgiveness concerning these matters, and you know I am behind you all the way. I have the utmost respect for each of you. Good luck this weekend.

IM DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, September 30 @ 6pm
At NSU Tennis Courts



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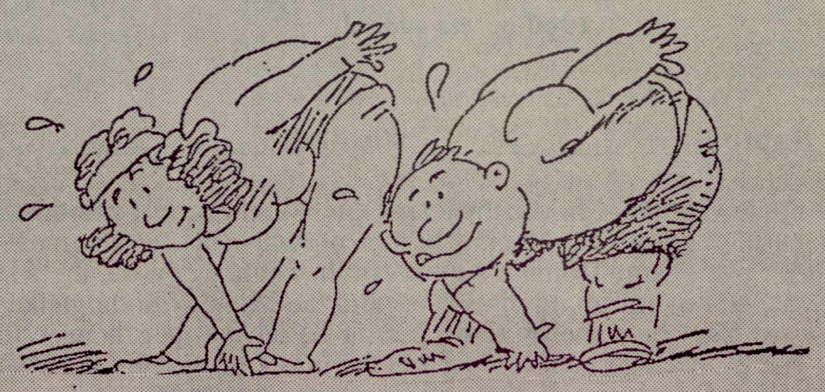

Sports

Sports Office 357-5384

4-0 and still going strong

Goodwin posts his 100th career win

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Demon head coach Sam Goodwin chalked up his 100th win as the Demons piledrived the Southwest Texas State Bobcats 34-10.

Goodwin's record going into Saturday's game had been 99-89-4. Goodwin's record in 16 years at Northwestern State was 90-70-3. Goodwin also broke his record of 40 total wins in the SLC,

The Demons opened the Scoring with 9:10 in the first when T..J. Sutherland caught a six-yard pass from Patterson to put them on the board 7-0.

The running game took the night off, rushing 85 yards on 34 carries.

Three minutes later Eric Granger caught a 41-yard pass from Patterson giving them a 14-0.

Senior Jermaine Jones ran a fumble return 74 yards with two minutes left in the first quarter, to up their lead to 21-0.

Ross Doctoroff nailed a 32-yard field goal for Southwest with 9:49 left in the first, inching them to 21-3.

Ronnie Powell then caught a 38-yard pass from Patterson to bring the score to 28-3.

Powell ran one yard with 7:11 in the third to increase the Demon's edge 34-3.

Bobcat Reshawn Brown ended the game with 9:37 left in the fourth quarter, to clinch the game 34-10.

Again, kudos to Coach Goodwin on his 100th collegiate win.

Mizzou gives NSU toughest challenge

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Northwestern's clash this weekend with Division I-A Missouri will be a major test for the Demons, as their opponent is ranked in the top 25 both the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and the AP Poll.

Northwestern brings in the No. 5 rushing defense in Division I-AA, giving up only an average of 55 yards per game. The Demons will need every bit of defensive help they can get as Missouri leads the nation (I-A) in rushing offense, averaging over 310 yards per game.

" Obviously it's the best football team we've played," NSU head coach Sam Goodwin said. "Their running game speaks for itself. They have gotten better since last year, and that was a heck of a football team. We've been very, very impressed."

NSU has won 10 straight regular season games dating back to last year. The Demons have won their last four regular-season road games, and own an eight-game homefield winning streak. They also have won six straight Southland Football League games.

NSU's victory over SW Texas, which put Goodwin at 100 wins for his career, put NSU at 4-0 which is where Goodwin had wanted to be after four games.

"We have the record we hoped for, and until our performance last week, I think we've progressed across the board every week," Goodwin said. "We are going up there trying to win the game, and we want to get better as we look toward the conference race and our game with McNeese on Oct. 15."

Winning the game with Missouri may be the goal for Goodwin and the Demon coaching staff, but it will not be easy. This will be Northwestern's first ever meeting with a nationally-ranked I-A opponent.

"We're excited," Goodwin said. "The coaches are excited, the players are excited, and I know our fans are gearing up. It's a chance to experience college football at its finest."

For the Demons, the matchup with Missouri is a chance to show that Southland Football League teams can be competitive with larger football programs around the country. A good showing by the Demons will represent their conference well.

"For our football team, it's an opportunity to compete against one of the nation's best teams, and that's all any competitor can ask," Goodwin said. "It's a great opportunity to measure how we stack up against a team that for all intents beat Nebraska last season. We have some talented guys on this team, just not as many as Missouri does across the board. It's always been our philosophy to play the best competition we can find, because that brings out the absolute best you have to give.'

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Football head coach Sam Goodwin celebrates with the entire team after winning four straight games.

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After winning his 100th game of his career, Coach Goodwin falls victim to the old "dump the Gatorade on the head coach" bit.

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Junior wide receiver Eric Ganger turns around to catch a 46-yard pass to aid the Demons in a 34-10 mauling.

Domino's Pizza

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Domino's Pizza

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___NSU at Missouri___
___Georgia at LSU___
___Northeast Louisiana vs. Western Michigan___
___Boise St. at La Tech___
___USL at Ala. Birmingham___
___Stanford at Notre Dame___
___SFA at Jacksonville St.___
___Troy St. at Sam Houston St.___
___Nicholls at Samford___
___Tennessee at Auburn___

NFL

___San Diego at Indianapolis___
___New England at New Orleans___
___Detroit at Chicago___
___San Francisco at Buffalo___
___Dallas at Washington___
___Carolina at Atlanta___
___Miami at NY Jets___
___Oakland at Arizona___
___Philadelphia at Denver___
___NY Giants at Tampa Bay___
___Seattle at Kansas City___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Minnesota at Green Bay___
Total points scored____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize.

IT IS A THREE-WAY TIE!!! HEATH CRAWFORD, SCOTTY WILLIAMS, AND JASON HILTON MISSED TWO GAMES EACH.

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Work continues on Sam Sibley

Ben Scroggs

Road conditions are rough as the improvements continue on campus. This work is the continuation of the plan that was initiated by former president Robert Alost.

Shawn Hornsby
News Editor

The construction on Sam Sibley Drive is part of a continuing enhancement project set forth under former University President Robert Alost.

The project began with the bricking of the lot between Kyser and Williamson halls. The bricks will continue from the lot across Sam Sibley Drive and connect with the sidewalk. Plans also call for the addition of 13 crosswalks made of bricks.

Curbs will slope to the road around the crosswalks in order to make the sidewalks wheelchair accessible. Asphalt was placed at crosswalks in the past which created a much rougher ramp to use.

"We want to make the crosswalks more permanent and noticeable" W. K. Norman, coordinator of facilities, said. "We are hoping the kids will acknowledge the crosswalks better than they do now."

The construction will close Sam Sibley Drive and traffic will be re-routed. Before the brick crosswalks and asphalt are laid, underlying foundations, such as concrete beams and bedrock, must be set.

"We are trying to set up construction for Fall Break and Thanksgiving," Norman said.

Norman also said that construction will not begin for at least two weeks. The University will continue the project even after road construction is finished.

This dumptruck dumps tar onto Sam Sibley Drive as work continues.

Students have felt the effects of the construction out of their vehicles as well as in them.

"Curbs are much steeper than before," Ben Scroggs, senior journalism major, said. "It is very easy to step off the curb and twist your ankle."

Other students think the timing of the project could have been better.

"It hasn't affected me as much, but I believe it should have been done in the summer," Jeremy LaCombe, senior political science major, said.

The curb in front of Dodd Hall will be cut back due to the difficulty of making such an acute turn.

In addition to the brick sidewalks, the University is looking at plans for brick walls on both sides of the lot entrance. The walls will have sculpted themes on them and stand approximately five feet tall. The themes will relate to either education or Louisiana.

Between the walls may be a flag display which has all of the past flags Louisiana has existed under.

Another possible enhancement is the addition of a fountain between the Union and Kyser Hall where the Space Science building is now.

Plans for the re-routing of traffic will be printed as soon as the sub-contractor, O.S. Johnson, and the Physical Plant work out the specific routes and dates.

ISEP informational meetings

International Student Exchange Program

Study abroad opportunities for the 1999-2000 academic year through the International Student Exchange Program will be discussed at two informational meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14 and 15, 1998.

The meetings will be in Kyser Hall, room 103, at 4 p.m. each day.

The opportunity to study abroad in a choice of subject areas on over 130 campuses in 15 languages, including many programs in English, is unique to Northwestern among Louisiana state colleges and universities.

The University is a member of ISEP, which is composed of about 100 American universities coordinated through an office in Washington.

The Northwestern student has the choice of a wide variety of academic programs throughout Europe, South America, Central America, Africa, Canada and Mexico in 15 languages.

Students pay only the regular full fees to Northwestern, a placement fee to ISEP of $250, and $275 for room and board during holiday periods when the school is closed, plus whatever transportation costs and personal expenses they would have anywhere.

Upon arrival at the international study site, students will receive tuition, room and board, which was paid by the student coming to study at one of the U.S. schools.

Depending on the personal situation, financial aid can often times be available to help with the costs including additional transportation and living expenses in the foreign country.

"This is an excellent opportunity available to our students," Tom Whitehead, ISEP coordinator said. "The students who have participated all come back and say it has been a highlight of their college experiences."

In addition to the 99-00 year, there are a limited number of opportunities available through ISEP for spring 1999 placement.

If students are unable to attend either of the two meetings, they may contact Tom Whitehead in room 103 Kyser for information or visit the web site at http://www.isep.org/

Asbestos abated: "News 22" scheduled to be on air soon

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

After months of delay, Studio A may soon be ready for production of "News 22."

The studio, which is located in Kyser Hall, has been closed since June 29, 1998 when asbestos was discovered. For several months, Studio A was rendered useless until the asbestos was abated.

Studio A is primarily used for the production of "News 22," which is the university's student-operated news program. The studio is also used for teleconferences and classes.

Even though all of the asbestos was removed from the studio in August, the production of "News 22" had to be postponed until the production equipment was brought back and the set was reconstructed.

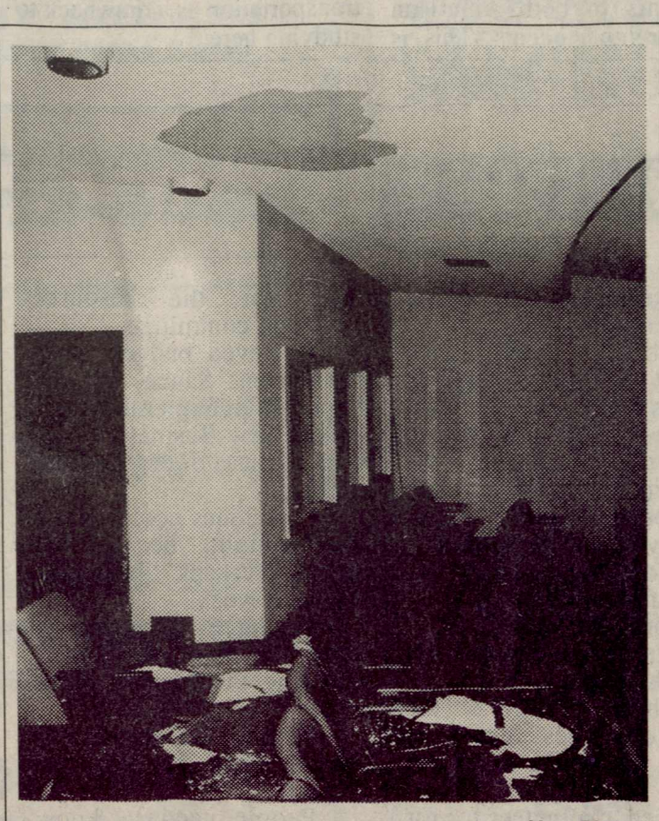
"This week, we will finish the set and begin the testing phase," Roy Davis, chief operating engineer, said.

Large video monitors, projectors and other equipment are being installed in the studio.

Once the equipment is reinstalled, a series of tests must be completed to ensure that everything is operational.

Sherlynn Byrd, director of NSU 22, said she is planning to do a test run for the show next week. However, these plans could easily change, depending on whether the studio is ready for use.

"They had to break down all the production equipment," Byrd commented. "It is our hope to be test running next week."



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The asbestos in Studio A of Kyser Hall was abated after part of the ceiling had fallen and exposed it. The studio will be reopening soon.

Byrd said when the time does come for "News 22" to air, she will be in need of several students to help with the daily newscasts. "News 22" airs at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The show consists of local, state and national news, sports and weather. Students are responsible for producing the newscasts.

There are many jobs available for students including producing, writing or directing the show. Any student, regardless of major, is invited to work on the newscast. However, students must be dedicated to their jobs and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

Stephanie Danby, sophomore journalism major, worked with "News 22" last year and said she is looking forward to the first production of the new school year.

"I'm excited to get started again," Danby said. "It's going to be the bomb."

Any student interested in participating in "News 22" should come to an informational meeting Thursday at 3.30 p.m. in Room 106 of Kyser Hall.

Fall break scheduled Oct. 19 & 20

Melissa Robertson
Contributing Writer

As the stress of the semester increases, students look forward to Fall Break on October 19 and 20.

Before this semester, students did not have a long vacation until November's Thanksgiving Holidays.

Although the break lasted for a full week, most students felt another holiday was needed earlier in the semester.

Last fall, administrators decided to make Thanksgiving break shorter, which would allow for another holiday.

Students now have a two-day Fall Break on October 19 and 20, and a three-day vacation for Thanksgiving from November 25-27.

Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said that Fall Break will be beneficial.

"I support the notion of a Fall Break because of the possible academic improvements," Seymour said. "Fall Break will give the students a chance to get their second wind, catch up in their classes and prepare for the remainder of the semester."

Seymour also said the holiday will be a good opportunity for freshmen to relieve the stress from their first semester.

"This break will give students, namely freshmen, the opportunity to visit their friends and family, and relax for a few days," Seymour said.

Most students are in favor of having a Fall Break because the holiday follows mid-terms.

"Students need a break after the stress of mid-terms," Marcia Agent, junior education major, said. "Fall Break will give us a chance to calm down and regroup."

However, some students prefer the longer Thanksgiving holiday instead of two shorter breaks.

"We can't really do anything in two days," Jodie Jeansonne, senior psychology major, said. "I prefer having a week off, so I can go on vacation and relax."

In order to accommodate students for Fall Break, the athletic department moved the NSU vs. McNeese game to Thursday instead of Saturday.

Some students think that Fall Break should start Friday, Oct. 16 because of the game.

"Who wants to go to class the day after one of NSU's biggest football games?" Jeffrey Montegut, junior journalism major said. "I do prefer having two breaks, though. Because October is the busiest month of the semester, I need a break."

Classes will be cancelled Monday, Oct. 19 and Tuesday Oct. 20, and they will resume Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m.

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Campus Connections

Alpha Omicron Pi: I hope all of you Alphas are having a great week so far. This week we haven't got a lot planned, so it would be a great opportunity to get in some study hours at the house. Keep turning in all of your Alpha A's and B's. We would also like to congratulate our professor of the month, Mrs. Lisa Abney. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication. Thought for the week: Out of every struggle comes greater strengths of character. Alpha Love And Roses. Congratulations to the Alpha A's Nikkie Trahan, Kim Pratt, Heather MaCardle, Bridget Louviere, Courtnie Duff, Kristy Pesnell, Cristine Primm, Allison Shrock, Alicia Levell, Lori Cashio, Aimee' Springer, Sharlene Conway
Congratulations to the Alpha B's Kim Pratt, Ginny McNeil, Nikkie Trahan, Laura Beeman, Bridget Louviere, Katie Bowen, Sabrina Woodard, Allisen Schrock. Keep up the good work ladies. Have a great week.

Students Helping Students: If you would like to become a Student Helping Students volunteer for Spring 1999 Orientation, pick up an application in the New Student Programs office. Applications are due Friday October 16, 1998. For more information call 357-5559.

Wanted Freshmen Connectors: Applications are available in Room 103 Student Union and will be due back Wednesday October 14. For more information 357-5559.

Phi Mu: Phi Mu would like to congratulate our girls flag football team for winning all Greek. Keep up the good work girls, and we want to see every Phi Mu at the next game. Hey girls this is going to be an exciting week in Phi Mu with our big Grub Party on Saturday, to celebrate the weekend. Just a reminder, if anyone would like to purchase a Grab-A-date shirt, call Kelli Rivere at 356-5577. I hope everybody has a wonderful week and study hard.

Sigma Sigma Sigma: Hey Sigmas the suspense is over. Friday night is Big Sis/Little Sis Night. We are all so excited for you to find out who we are. Wednesday night we will travel together to the progressive dinner. Initiation ends the week on Saturday. New members you did an awesome job on Harvest! We love you. Remember you are sailing with the best.

Law School Admission Council: On October 10th the Law School Admission Council will sponsor the Dallas Law School Forum in Dallas. The Forum consists of panel presentations and workshops. Admission is free. The Forum starts at 10 am and ends at 4 pm. It will be held at the Intercontinental Dallas.

Rowing: The NSU Rowing team's Fall 1998 race schedule is:
October 24--Cane River, Natchitoches: Centenary College, Loyola University and NSU Crews; November 7--Lake Charles, State Championship Regatta: NSU, Centenary, Tulane, and Loyola; November 14--Championship Rowing Marathon--attended by as many as 300 participants from all over the nation; November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

Support Group for Students with Relationship Problems: Student Support Services announces the formation of a group for persons who are in the transition phase of ending a relationship. Beginning Tuesday, October 13 at 2pm and again Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm in room 312 of the Student Union. Contact Frances Welch or Ted Freeland at 357-5901. for more information.

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Crazy for Gershwin

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The theatre program will open its 1998-99 season this week with George Gershwin's musical comedy, *Crazy for You.*

The show will run from Thursday to Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The director is Ed Brazo, assistant professor of theater. For several weeks, Brazo and approximately 35 cast members have spent countless hours rehearsing and perfecting every scene.

Cazy for You is a reworking of Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*. It tells the story of Bobby Child, a banker/playboy who falls in love with Polly Baker, the only girl in Deadrock, Nevada.

Cathy Huey, who plays the lead role of Baker, said the show is a mixture of singing, dancing and acting.

It is a true musical comedy that takes the best of every musical and wraps it into one big show.

"I'm ready for it," Huey said. "It's going to be a wonderful experience, especially for those students who have never seen any Fred and Ginger-type shows."

A collection of 18 George and Ira Gershwin songs will be featured in the show, such as "Embraceable You" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Starring opposite Huey will be Patrick Thomassie, who plays the role of Child. Dance captains for the production are Rebecca Brettel and Kelly Songy, and fight captain is Henry Layton.

The show won every major 1992 Broadway prize for Best Musical including the Tony Award and the Outer Critics' Circle Award. It also received the 1993 Laurence Olivier award for Best Musical.

Tickets will be free for NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students and $5 for the general public.

For more information about the show, call (318) 357-5819 or (318) 357-4522.

The next theatre production will be Lillian Hellman's The Children's Hour. It will be held from Nov. 13- 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

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The musical comedy *Crazy For You* will be the opener for the 1998-99 theatre program season. The show will run from Thursday to Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Two foreign students adjusting to University

Lesa Thompson
Copy Editor

Coming from a foreign country to study at the University can mean making big adjustments for an exchange student.

Not only can the language factor make a difference, but getting used to an altogether different teaching method can also present a challenge that must be overcome.

Being an exchange student isn't easy, but it does have its benefits.

Beatriz Lado, a graduate student from Valencia, Spain, will be studying here for the next two years. She chose Northwestern for her Master's degree because it gave her the chance to teach Spanish to students at the University while simultaneously allowing her to discourse with native speakers and increase her fluency in English.

Lado recommends taking advantage of exchange programs to both American and foreign students. This is despite the fact that studying at an American university presented the challenge of growing accustomed to an educational method which differed from the one at home.

"In Spain, we don't have so many papers to do every week," Lado said. "Students work more by themselves. There, if you don't want to go to class, it's up to you. Here, the situation is more controlled, so you have to do the work. But there is a definite benefit to that. You stay more in touch with the teachers, and you know what they expect from you."

Christina Martinez, also a graduate student from Valencia, plans to someday live in the United States permanently and become a full-time Spanish teacher in an American university.

While Martinez certainly appreciates the opportunity to experience American culture as it exists in Natchitoches, she does view the lack of public transportation as a drawback to studying here.

"We are international students, and we have no way of getting ourselves around," Martinez commented. "If the University could even provide us with a way to get to town, that would be very good for us."

Martinez said that having a way to get to town would give foreign students something they really need—access to GreyHound buses and, therefore, to the rest of Louisiana and the diverse cultures that this state has to offer.

Both Lado and Valencia would recommend studying at Northwestern to their peers in Spain.

Both said that taking part in foreign study is a good idea, and they recommend that students here, particularly those who want to experience a new culture and an increased fluency in a foreign language, take advantage of the opportunity to learn in a foreign university.

SGA Minutes

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes September 28, 1998

Senate
Committee Reports:
-Internal Affairs: Meet today after this meeting. Want to amend the Constitution (no quorum).Office hours need to be done. Only six people did their office hours.
-External Affairs: Meeting will be moved to Wed. @ 3:30.
-SAB Representative: Thursday, Interest Party for Lady of the Bracelet contestants. The homecoming theme will be "Spirits Rise with Demon Pride".
-Fiscal Affairs: No report
-Club Sports: No Report
-Academic Affairs: Meetings have been set for Wed. @ 8pm. If this conflicts with any of the committee members' schedules, talk to me.
-Student Affairs: Looked over the N Card information. Meet Monday @ 6pm.
Old Business:
-Flight team budget proposal was brought up. Motion to approve, passed.
-New temporary Senate rules were discussed.
New Business:
-Luke administered the oath of the office to Lucas Shaw.
-The budgets for the Current Sauce and the Potpourri were not voted on. Motion was made to table the issue until a representative from these organizations could be present.
-Bill FA98-003. Great deal of discussion followed. Bill approved.
-Motion to approve Grant Proposal for chartered organizations. Discussion, passed.
-Motion to table resolution FA98-003. Passed.
Special Reports:
-Mr. Henry: Help with the Homecoming elections. Be sure that the number of signatures matches the number of ballots.**Vice President's Report:**
-Thanks for going to Breakfast with the President. We talked about the parking at the Columns.
-Ribbon cutting for AcCent Computer Lab in Rapides went well. We want to have a lab of this type in all of the dormitories. We need tutors to man this lab from 5-9 every night, Monday through thursday. This is on a volunteer basis.
Officers' Reports
President's Report:
-Introduced guests from Methods III class.
-I have a copy of the technology fees report, if anyone would like to look at it.
-Need a volunteer for for Technology Committee.
-Good job Matt Comeaux, Justin Courtney, and Ja'Juan Allen on your work for the resource allocation committee.
-Recieved budgets from the Current Sauce and the Potpourri on September 28.
-In New Business I need to give Lucas Shaw the Oath of Office.
-Gail Jones could not be here tonight, because of personal reasons. She willbe here next week.
-Declared emergency status on Bill FA98-002, regarding the football pom-pons.
-Would like to have a blanket drive for hurricane victims.
-People need to know about taking pictures for Mr. and Mrs. NSU and also homecoming court.
-IM Building: Planning program is going to begin. Architect Selection Board meets only two times per year. We will meet with them as soon as possible. The planning Council will consist of eight students, who will hopefully be around for the duration of the building progect.
-The English department would like to create a new computer lab with money left over from a Title 13 grant. They would like SGA to fund the furniture for the new lab.
-Housing is looking at the option of privatized housing. Aprivate housing company would lease out the dorms.
Treasurer: Reminded everyone to do their office hours.

News

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Prof. Bryant art on display

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Artwork by Dr. Bill Bryant, professor, and some of his students is being displayed in the Orville Hanchey Gallery. The exhibit will be open on weekdays from Oct. 5 through Oct. 30, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The other artists whose work will be displayed are Jay Dunahoe, Nan Bland, Waldean Shaw, Charles Harrington, Jerry Martin, Marce Larche, Betty Smith, Hazel Nowlin, Mina McKaskle, Kathleen Hundley and Ina Cowin. Many of these artists have traveled the world while painting with Bryant.

Bryant describes the show as the equivalent of the Music Department giving a recital to display their student's hard work. The works consist mainly of watercolors inspired by the swampy scenery of Uncertain, Texas.

Uncertain got its name based on the fact that the port could easily become landlocked due to large changes in water levels. It is a small community near North Caddo Lake in east Texas and is filled with cypress trees and dense swamps

Attendants can expect to see paintings of Cypress trees, fishing camps, birds and water lilies. Also, the exhibit represents the area that we live in. Those who come should be able to "recognize the local landscape and beautiful areas of our region," Bryant commented.

Dates of future showings have been altered due to the theft of four works from the main gallery. Those stolen works include a photo of Duke Ellington and Frank Sinatra, which were part of a Jazz display. Fortunately, the pictures were insured.

Incidents of this sort have occurred before and, because the lack of proper security in the University's galleries, the Art Department is not qualified to give major showings.

Journalism Dept. granted accreditation

Dr. Ron McBride
Head--Department of Journalism

The Department of Journalism was granted full accreditation in May 1998 by the Accrediting Council on Education for Journalism and Mass Communication.

The recommendation was forwarded on March 20, 1998 by the accrediting committee. This was done on recommendation from the visiting team by Dr. Dan Lattimore, University of Memphis, who checked the journalism program at the University in October 1997 to see if the department complied with the recommendations from the original team visit in 1996.

The journalism department was awarded provisional accreditation in May 1997.

Accreditation in journalism is a rigorous process that only 20 percent of journalism and mass communications programs seek. It is prestigious for a department to be accredited because accreditation is a measure of the quality of a program based on a set of standards.

Accreditation is particularly important for our graduates as they seek employment in the field of journalism and mass communications.

According to ACEJMC, accreditation is "intended to ensure continued improvement in the quality of instruction in journalism and mass communications through re-evaluation, including a thorough and useful self-study, at six-year intervals."

There are 12 standards that ACEJMC uses to review a program. These are: governance/administration; budget; curriculum; student records/advising; instruction/evaluation; faculty, full- and part- time; internship/work experience; equipment/facilities; faculty scholarship/research/professional activities; public service; graduates/alumni; and minority/female faculty.

Over the last five years, the journalism department has increased enrollment from 110 to 170 majors.

Anyone with any questions or comments may contact the Department of Journalism via e-mail at journalism@alpha.nsula.edu.

Orientation helps students

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Orientation 1010 provides helpful skills to ease the transition from high school and living with parents to the independent life of a college student.

Orientation classes teach survival skills that can be helpful in all aspects of college life. One of the instructors' main goals is promoting growth in students' personal and academic lives.

Orientation has been offered for as long as Gail Jones, director of student services, can remember.

Previously, classes were taught in Prather Coliseum and contained a large number of students. Presently, classes generally range from 20 to 40 students. These smaller classes allow students to interact with the instructors.

Jones said that the teachers of Orientation 1010 are "both instructors and mentors."

Because Orientation is a required course, one might ask the question: How do students feel about the class?

"It's great for incoming freshmen to learn the ropes of college life," Nadra Harrison, freshman, said. "It shows that the University cares about us."

"It helps," Brian Cockrell, graduate student, commented. "Despite the fact that I'm from Natchitoches, I can see how it could be beneficial to someone who is not from the area."

In order to pass orientation, students must complete several assignments. A grade is given for attending three different events in four separate categories. Those categories include fine arts, sports, organization activities and academic lectures. Also, students must write a short autobiography.

Several other activities serve as a way to get orientation students involved on campus and become familiar with the territory.

Jones said that Orientation 1010 serves its purpose "in teaching students important skills for success and making them aware of their area's history and traditions."

"[Students] should soak up as much as possible and take advantage of all oppurtunities as well as being open to new and different cultures and opinions," Jones added.

The only follow-up class to Orientation 1010 is Career Exploration 1030. It serves as an extention of 1010 and offers students the chance to find direction regarding career or major. This can be helpful to undecided students who are generally considered to be the most "at-risk" of dropping out.

Orientation 1010 instructors stress the fact that they are here to help serve the student; they are willing listeners and advisors to any student in need of help.

Child care available for students needs

Students who have children now have the opportunity to apply for child care assistance, thanks to the efforts of several Student Government Association officials.

Stephen Hatten, SGA research assistant, discovered the existence of the Child Care Assistance Program.

This program was created by the State Division of Administration and Office of Family Support to help low-income families pay for child care costs.

"This demonstrates the efforts of the SGA to make a college education more feasible for nontraditional students," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said.

Instructions and applications for the Child Care Assistance Program may be picked up in the SGA office in room 222 of the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All students with children are encouraged to apply.

SGA representatives will be available to help people fill out applications.

Hazing seminar held to educate

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

A hazing seminar was held last Tuesday in Magale Recital Hall.

"I think that hazing is wrong because it is immoral, but mostly because it is against the law," Heather Ragsdale, vice president of Phi Mu, said.

Despite hazing being illegal at every university, it sometimes still occurs. This could be because the definition of hazing is unclear.

"Hazing is anything that affects a person emotionally or physically that separates that person from the rest of the group," David Westol, executive director of Theta Chi fraternity, said.

Although hazing is usually associated with the Greek community, other organizations sometimes subject their new members to hazing also.

Several students admitted that they felt as if they were treated differently from upperclassmen when they were freshmen.

"Hazing does not happen at all within our band," Trisha Thibodaux, Spirit of Northwestern band member, said. "The upperclassmen treat new members as if they have always been in the band."

Although hazing is not unusual at most universities, NSU has a very strict policy about it.

"Hazing is not allowed at all," Retha Cox, director of Greek life, said. "There is not a single organization on campus that will admit that they haze.

Although many fraternity men agreed that hazing is wrong, they would not comment on the issue.

Even though hazing does not seem to be a problem on this campus, it continues to create problems nationwide.

"I know that Northwestern's campus has not had any hazing activities, but other campuses such as LSU have received national media attention for their hazing incidents," Chasity Barrington, member of Phi Mu sorority, commented.

"Although I feel that hazing is wrong, I do not think that it is a big problem on our campus," Monica Talbot, sophomore, said.

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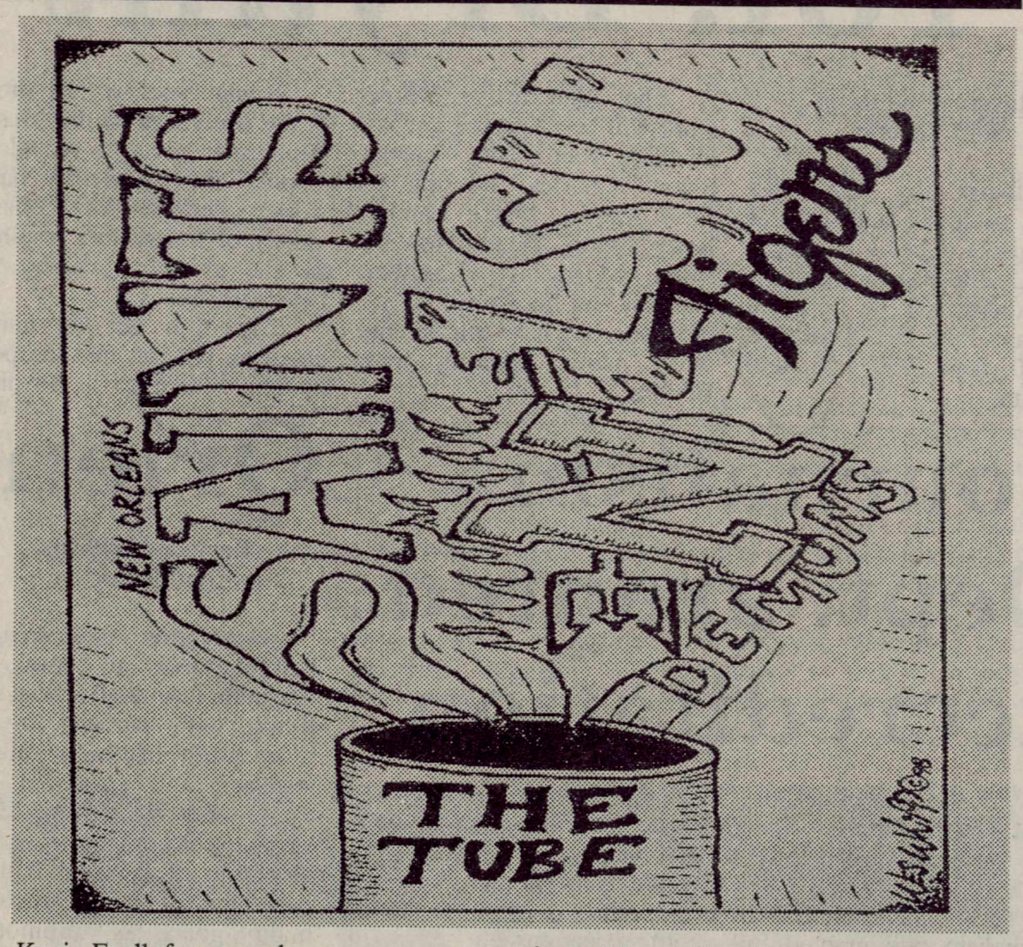

Louisiana is a football state. Like it or not, football season is a cultural phenomenon in our state. Many Louisianians take football seriously on every level, from pee-wee league to the NFL.

So it would seem that everyone would be bummed out after three of our undefeated teams, Northwestern, LSU and the Saints, all lost games in one weekend.

Indeed, many Louisiana football fans do seem in the dumps about this past weekend. However, there is really no reason to be upset.

Why? Because if 5 years ago, these same people were told that the Saints were 3-1, that LSU was 3-1 (and ranked in the top 20), and that the Demons were 3-1 (and ranked in the I-AA top 10), they wouldn't have believed it.

But hey, why complain? If this has not happened before, then we should commend these teams instead of mocking them.

Let's look at these three teams. Northwestern State, under the 16-year reign of head coach Sam Goodwin, has not gone below under fourth. The Demons have a quarterback that threw for 213 yards in the game against Missouri.

The Demons also have the backfield to bring the from behind. Also, the Purple Swarm Defense, ranked 10th in the nation going into the Missouri game. The Demons held the Tigers to negative six yards rushing in the first quarter. A score of 35-14 is so bad after you hear the facts.

Louisiana State University has built its program up for the past few years. Take Kevin Faulk for example.

Faulk stands a chance, in our opinion, of being an first- round draft pick. He chose to stay in school and get his degree instead of leaving LSU. If some strange people think LSU doesn't have a quality ball club, think again.

Finally we get to Louisiana true football heartache, the New Orleans Saints.

For a Saints fan, you just have to expect the worse due to prior letdown seasons.

Though these team lost at the same time, things can still change for them. Don't give up the fight just yet!

Campus According To Casey

Casey Shannon

Faith as a guide

OK, we are than a month into this inaugural semester of the 1998-99 collegiate school year.

For most, the idea of (re)adjusting is a faint memory, as some have (no doubt) begun to spread wings and find new horizons. For those more well-adjusted folks please accept this wooden nickel's worth of otherwise worthless advise.....do not take this gift for granted.

For most college is a wonderful oasis in the middle of "El desert de la viva." For others, the most educational part of this extended sabbatical from the real world has less to do with books and to do with the constant state of transitions that seems to come with the collegiate territory.

Indeed, all students can attest to the fact that as a student we are caught in a constant ebb and flow pattern which triggers the often muttered phrase, "just when I get comfortable.....my world turns upside down again."

For those who can relate to this concept, I apologize for a lack of concrete advice. The only plentiful information that I can offer you is to buckle up and let life take you along for the ride.

This transition thing will not end when you get your diploma.....in fact, for most of us, it gets more intense.

The most effective way to combat this fact of life is to surrender. Some people call this method faith.

As a person who is not generally satisfied with the "that's just the way it is" clause I can attest to this concept of relinquishing the reigns.

Control of your life is not to be want only passed from person to person, but is to be given up to whatever it is you believe in. For some it is God, for others it is Mark McGwire.....I think that Buddhists take the most universal route in stating that "such thoughts do not tend to edification."

Whatever it is for you.....stick to it. Then give it up. People do not walk on hot coals, and tightropes because they have found a specific answer.

Instead, they close their eyes and relinquish control of the situation.....before they are through to the other side and unmarried.

College is the beginning of what is yet to come. Do not take the life's knowledge part of it with a grain of salt.

Learn from what is thrown in your face and never ever hold on to tight. The rest has a funny way of working its self out.

Greg Gelpi

More complaints

Column after column. Complaint after complaint. All that Gelpi guy does is complain.

Yes, I do complain a lot, but am I really asking for that much?

A good friend of mine lives in a dorm, that shall remain nameless for fear of repercussions. (I prefer to avoid threats and ultimatums if at all possible.)

For literally over a year now, he has shared his bathroom with a countless number of unwanted guests (AKA gnats, flies and other pesky insects.)

Going through the proper channels and procedures of reporting such problems semester after semester, his bathroom remains infested with bugs.

How difficult is it to give the bug man (or woman) a call?

The moral of this story is that, while I may raise a little hell, in reality I am asking for very little.

I've also witnessed a foreign exchange student face the brick wall of stupidity.

She was given the all-to-familiar run around during fee payment. One office sends you to another office, which leads you to yet another office only to return you to your original location.

One office asked for her yellow receipt.

Upon replying that she wasn't given one, they replied that that was simply impossible.

If it happened, how can it be impossible?

Someone recently suggested that I not gripe and complain unless I have a solution to offer.

Well, my solution is quite simple: screw the bureaucracy, and listen to the students. Look beyond the parameters of your job and be a human being.

While we, as students, may test the cleanliness of our clothes by smelling them, sleep more during daylight hours than nighttime hours, and may consider Ramen noodles the greatest advancement in the 20th century, we are, nonetheless, human beings.

All that I am asking is that we look beyond the red tape and paper work and concentrate on the questions, concerns and problems of the students.

I realize that Natchitoches is a historic town, but we must step out of the stone age.

Letter to the editor

Two tall men in tight jeans step out of an old extended-cab Chevy pickup truck that flies Confederate flags with the shot gun rack hanging up in the back. A group of men shout over the bass produced from large speakers from a Cadillac with small wheels and hydraulics that make the passengers bounce up and down like they were on a roller coaster. These two pictures are images that I thought only existed on television: not at the place I choose to go to college.

Coming from a large Texas metroplex, I grew up with neighbors of all skin types. In junior high my best guy friend was black and my dearest friend now is first generation Vietnamese-American. I learned how to cuss in six different languages, how different cultures use perms in their hair and what good Mexican and Chinese food tasted like. I thought that every one else grew up with this kind of culture.

And then I came to Natchitoches, Louisiana. I learned all about how to suck the brains out of crawdads and to dermine who was from south Louisiana and who wasn't. But I never guessed that I would have to revert to my parent's day in the fifties and learn about all of the Jim Crow laws.

For example, white women could join the Panhellenic system...but African American women could only join the Pan-Hellenic system. On face value, the only thing different between the two organizations is a single hyphen...but we all know how different the "black soroties" and the "white soroties" are.

I know that if a white woman were to rush a black sorority, they would get rejected and vice versa. The institutions would think of an excuse like grades or finances to deny this woman a bid. These excuses would only help to save the groups from moral damnation, meanwhile crushing the girl's dream of going Greek.

All that I know is that the Civil War ended over a hundred years ago. Civil rights have never been exhibited on NSU's campus. I feel that all Greek institutions should be less shallow and more like Theta Chi.

Kathryn Richards

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp
Whipped out be back next week

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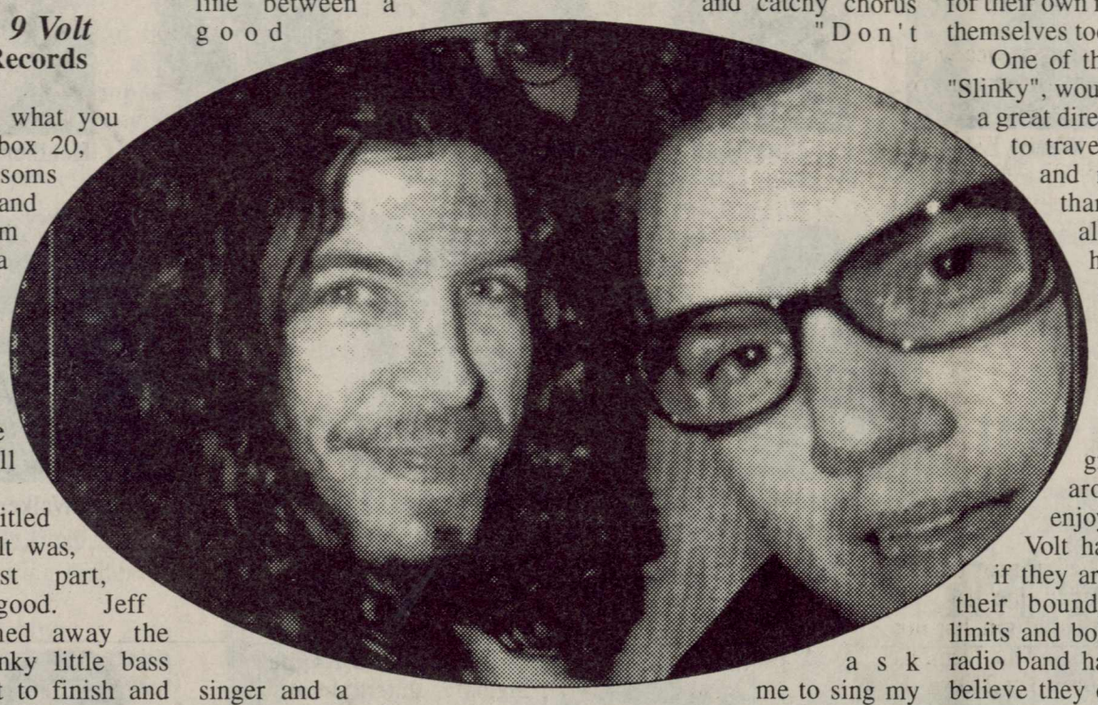
Nine Volts of Pure Power

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

9 Volt: *9 Volt*
Crash Records

Ok, here's what you do: take Matchbox 20, the Gin Blossoms and the Nixons and mix them together in a large bowl. Now let that marinate in a light Tool sauce and cook it until it's medium rare and then you'll have 9 Volt.

The self-titled debut by 9 Volt was, for the most part, suprisingly good. Jeff Criswell jammed away the album with funky little bass lines from start to finish and Scott Collins held his on the drums especially on "Crawl". While I enjoyed Andy Mitchells' vocals, it felt like he was always holding back and never quite willing to cross the line between a good singer and a great singer.



You may have heard their first single, "Stupid" if you've been anywhere other than Natchitoches recently. I really dig this song with its great beat and catchy chorus "Don't ask me to sing my stupid song". I think the that if the band would have stayed with this style instead of trying to appease the masses I would have loved this album. Their downfall was that, in the search for their own niche, they spread themselves too far and wide.

One of the heavier tracks, "Slinky", would have also been a great direction for the band to travel in. It is darker and more interesting than most of the album and could have been an outstanding song if the band would have pushed themselves a little bit harder.

This album is great for driving around and I enjoyed it. I think 9 Volt has great potential if they are willing to push their boundaries, test their limits and boldly go where no radio band has gone before. I believe they could be as good as or better than any band out there today and I am excited to hear their next release.

Bond: *Bang Out of Order* promising

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Bond
Bang Out of Order
Work Records

This band is extremely British. Extremely.

Why is it so British? Well, the title of one track is "My Best Mate," and use of the words "bullocks" and "wanker" is prevalent.

That said, Bond excels in it's song openings, but flounders on choruses and leaves one wondering what just happened to a potentially good song. I get the feeling that there is real musical talent here with little emphasis on lyrics, which doesn't cut it with me. Bond has a tendency, like Bush, to scramble together random, unrelated sentence fragments and call them a song.

On the track "Dum Dum Blonde," I couldn't decide whether the song was about a prostitute, a serial killer or a sorority girl.

Focusing on the positive, the intro to "Starbucked" features a cool Jew's harp and describes how frustrating it is to date a promiscuous girl.

The band ranges in style from a Prodigy/Insane Clown Posse sound on "I'm a Bastard" to the Self-like keyboard experimentation on "Miracles." In the keyboard vein, there is also the fast-paced, remixed "Anne Grenade." There is variety to spare as Bond does a turn-around with the slow, sensuous drumbeat of "Headspace Invader," which surges up into a powerful chorus, reminiscent of Portishhead, but not quite as sexy.

"Retronoyoko," which is a cool enough name for a song, is a techno-influenced track about life in London.. Did I mention these guys are British?

The songs on *Bang Out of Order* are a combination of great intros and crappy follow-throughs. Bond may mature into a band to be reckoned with, but *Bang Out of Order* is a still a young album without a cohesive theme to make the album a satisfying listening experience.

Bang Out of Order may be a preview of great things to come from Bond.

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Cabrina Sawyer

Roshunda Sims

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Nikki Walker

Nominees for Mr. NSU, 1998

David Deggs

Organizations:
Student Activities Board- president (1997-98); vice president (spring 1997); parliamentarian (fall 1996); special events chairperson (summer 1996); residential representative (spring 1996).
Theta Chi Fraternity, Eta Omicron Chapter- risk manager (1998-99); assistant treasurer/ fund raiser chair (1997-98); public relations chair (spring 1997); new member class president (fall 1996).
Interfraternity Council- rush director (January 1998 to present); secretary (fall 1997); scholarship chair (spring 1996).
The National Order of Omega- pep rally co-chair (fall 1998); Greek Week co-chair (fall 1998). University Committee Work- committee on organizations (student representative- spring 1997 through spring 1998);University Planning Council Incentives Team (student representative spring 1997); Student Trust Fund Student (SAB representative 1997-98). Potpourri- staff writer (fall 1998).
Accomplishments: Freshman Connector (summer 1997); Students Helping Students (fall 1996, spring 1997, fall 1997); Greek 1010- facilitator (fall 1997); lead facilitator (fall 1998). Graduate of the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI)- Beta Beta class, Butler University; Indianapolis, IN (June 1997). Southern Greek Leadership Conference- delegate and opening session facilitator; Dallas, TX (February 1998). Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW)- Statesboro, GA (April 1997). National Association of Campus Activities delegate- Houston, TX (fall 1996) and Dallas, TX (fall 1997).
Southwest Region Delegate for Theta Chi National Fraternity Substance Free Housing Task Force (March 1998). Committee member for National L.E.A.D. Resolution on Substance Free Housing (April 1998).
Awards and Honors: NSU Greek Man of the Year (1997-98).
Theta Chi Fraternity Dale A. Slivinskie National Scholarship Recipient (1998-99).
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Alpha Zeta Chapter Beau (1997-98)
NSU Student Activities Board- President's Award (1997-98); Director's Award (1997-98); Outstanding Board Member (1997-98); Outstanding Board Member (1996-97); Oustanding Residential Representative (1995-96); Outstanding Committee Member (1995-96).
American College Unions International Region VIII Scholarship Recipient (1998-99).
Outstanding Young Man of America (1998-99).
NSU Order of Omega Greek of the Month (March 1998).

Shade Dufrene

Organizations: Theta Chi Fraternity -- Spring 1995-present
Student Activities Board -- Spring 1996
Inter-Fraternity Council -- Fall 1996-Spring 1997
Catholic Student Organization
Position held in the Above Organizations: Theta Chi -- Marshall, Rush Chairman
SAB -- Representative at Large
IFC -- Senior Delegate, Second Vice President
Honors: Freshman Connector -- 1996, 1997
Homecoming Hunnie -- 1997

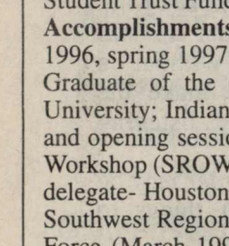
Korey Keith

Organizations: Kappa Sigma, Interfraternity Council, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Greek Council
Kappa Sigma: President, Treasure, Rush Chairman, Assistant Treasurer, Social Chairman, Awards Chairman, Junior IFC Delegate
IFC: Delegate for Kappa Sigma, President 1997
Awards: Kappa Sigma's Grand Master Star and Crescent Award 1997, Level One Ritual Proficiency
Accomplishments: Volunteer for Students Helping Students, Organized Several Kappa Sigma Road Clean Ups, Assisted in the organization of the Kappa Sigma See-Saw-Athon to raise money for St. Jude's, Assisted in the annual Kappa Sigma Crawfish Boil for 1998, Organized Kappa Sigma's 1997 Founder's Day Banquet, Organized; Kappa Sigma's District 28 Conclave, Delegate for the 1997 Kappa Sigma National Convention in New Orleans, Delegate for Kappa Sigma's 1998 Leader ship Conference, Delegate for the 1997 Kappa Sigma Quad District Conclave, Attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop for Freshman Connection, Assisted with the 1997 Greek Halloween Carnival, Member of the Northwestern St. track team as a pole vaulter, Organized Kappa Sigma's Alumni Reunion for 1998, Participated in IM Sports for Kappa Sigma four years.
Honors:Freshman Connector 1998

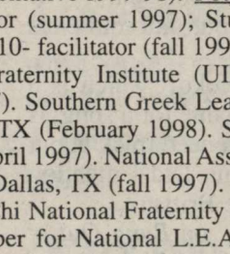
Jeremy LaCombe

Organizations: Sigma Nu Fraternity, Mu Rho Chapter Interfraternity Council
Gamma Sigma Alpha
Student Government Association
Greek Council; Positions held in those Organizations: Sigma Nu -- President, Finance Committee Chairman Interfraternity Council -- Junior Delegate Student Government Association -- Senator, Traffic Appeals Committee, Traffic & Safety Committee, Northwestern State University Calendar Committee, Northwestern State University Committee
Accomplishments: Freshman Connector -- Summer 1998
Greek 1010 Facilitator -- Fall 1998 Student Helping Hands Orientations Leader

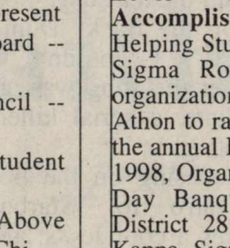
Nominees for Miss NSU, 1998


Reta Brashers

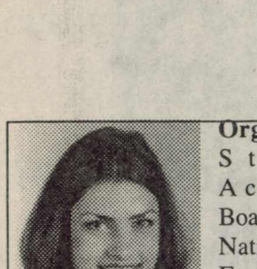
Organizations: Student Activities Board: Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Science Club, Mu Epsilon Delta, Louisiana Scholar's College Forum
Positions: Vice President of SAB, President of Blue Key
Awards: National Merit Finalist, NASA-JOVE research scholarship
Accomplishments: Resident Assistant in Varnado Hall, Louisiana Scholar's College
Orientation Mentor
Honors: Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Kappa Phi


Michelle Graig

Organizations, Alpha Lamba Delta & Circle K-freshman year, Argus fiction editor (freshmen year), Associate editor (sophomore year), Black Student Task Force- member, Black Student Association (3 year member) Vice-president (junior year), African Cacus president (senior year), Alpha Kappa Alpha (President - 2 years), Student Government Association (3 year member) Senator At large, Committees- Election Board Committee, Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, External Affairs- (chairperson), Gamma Sigma Alpha, Purple Jackets, Greek Council (2 year member), National Panhellenic Delegate (2 Year member). Lead and Senior Resident Assistant in Boozman Hall.
Awards and Honors: Scholars' College Student Achievement Award (freshman - junior year); Dean's list- freshman and Junior year. R.A. of the month (March) Hostess for Ms. Corretta Scott King Delegate to conference such as as Equipping Resident's Assistants, Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Conference (2 year delegate), Black Student Leadership Conference (2 year delegate), African-American Greek Leadership Conference Coordinator of the Unity March and the Gospel and Narrative Celebration I & II. Coordinator of the Black Student Association's Heritage Spring Ball.
Accomplishments: Research Day presenter 1998
Program presenter at Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Conference


Kathleen Gillian

Organizations and Leadership Positions
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, President 1998
Alumnae Relations Chairman 1997, Service Chairman 1997, Robbie Page memorial Philanthropy Chairman 1996; Triangle Magazine Correspondent 1998, Crew Captain 1995, Panhellenic association, treasurer 1997
Senior Delegate 1996, Junior Delegate 1996
Alternate Delegate 1995, Expansion cochairman 1997
The National order of Omega, President 1997-1998, Secretary 1997; Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society, vice-president 1998; Public Relations Chairman 1997; Student Activities Board, representative-at-Large; 1998 Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society president 1998; Purple Jackets 1997-1998 ; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Organization 1997-1998,Greek Council 1997-1998, Alpha Lamda Delta Freshman Honor Society 1995-1998, Northwestern State University Committees Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee,
Awards And Honors, Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Outstanding National Collegian of the Year 1998 NSU Greek Woman of the Year 1998
Lucile Hendrick Panhellenic Scholarship Recipient 1997 Ann Buchler Williams Scholarship Recipient, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority 1998 Rene Bienvenu Alumni Scholarship Recipient 1998 Northwestern State University Award Scholarship 1994-1996 Gertude Botts Scholarship 1994-1998 Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Junior Scholarship Award 1997
Accomplishments Freshman Connector 1998 Greek 1010 - Facilitator 1997, 1998 Student Helping Students - Orientation Leader 1997 Rho Chi - Rush Counselor 1996, 1997 Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
National Resolutions Committee, Tyson's Corner, VA 1998
National Collegiate Advisory Board Chairman, St. Louis, MI 1998
National Panhellenic Conference Student Delegate, Norfolk, VA 1997
Southeastern Panhellenic Delegate, Atlanta GA 1997

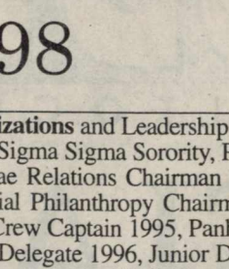

Tara Lewis

Organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Current President, Vice President, Secretary
National Order of Omega, Fall '97 Pepe Rally Chairperson
Beta Beta Beta Honor Societym, Current Treasurer
National Pan-Hellenic Council, President and Representative
Purple Jackets Honor Society, Secretary NAACP Greek Council Yearbook Staff, Greek Editor Demon Sweethearts, Treasurer
Accomplishments: Freshmen Connector (2 years)
Greek 1010 Facilitator Fall '97
Resident Assistant for Residential Life

Honors: '97 Maid of Homecoming Court Nominee for Greek Woman of the Year
Commitee member for Sorority's National Convention ('96—'97)
Honor Roll

Gina Mahl

Organizations:
Phi Mu Sorority- treasurer (spring 1997- fall 1998); standards chairman (spring 1998- fall 1998); Rush Party Head (spring 1998- summer 1998);
Committee Chair positions: Chapter Development Committee (spring 1998- fall 1998); Social chairman (fall 1996); Campus Activities chairman (spring 1996); Sisterhood chairman (spring 1995); Philanthropic Committee member (spring 1996); Sisterhood Committee member (fall 1994).
Student Activities Board- secretary/ treasurer (fall 1997- spring 1998); Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Pageant chairman (spring 1997); Miss Louisiana Hostess at Ms. Northwestern LOB pageant (spring 1998); representative at large (fall 1996).
Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society- historian (fall 1996- spring 1997); secretary (spring 1997- fall 1998).
Panhellenic Association- rush counselor (Rho Chi 1996).
Demon Dazzlers Danceline- scholarship (fall 1994- spring 1996).
Awards:Student Activities Board- Distinguished Presidents Award (spring 1998).
Miss Northwestern State University Lady of the Bracelet Pageant- fourth runner-up (spring 1996).
Accomplishments: Freshman Connector (1997). Students Helping Students (1997-98).
Greek 1010- greek facilitator (1996). Phi Mu Leadership Conference- delegate; Little Rock, Ark. (1997). National Association of Campus Activities (NACA)- delegate; Dallas, Texas (1997). Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW)- Freshman Connection; Georgia (1997). Student Activities Board Selection Committee- elections (spring 1998).
Honors: National Order of Omega- Greek Honor Society (1996- 1998). Purple Jackets National Honor Society (1996- 1998). Theta Chi Sweet heart (1998). Who's Who Nominee (1998). Greek Goddess (1994).


Kelli Rivere

Organizations: Demon Dazzlers Danceline- 1995- present
Captain- 1997-98; 1998-99 Co-captain- 1996- 97 Phi Mu Sorority- 1995- present president- 1998 parliamentarian- 1997 ritual chairperson- 1996 standards committee- 1996 Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society (1997- present); Order of Omega (1997- present); Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society (1997- present); Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society (1995- present); Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society (1998- present) secretary 1998;
Purple Jackets (1997- present); Greek Council (1998); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (1997- present).
Awards/ Honors:
Phi Mu 4.0 Scholarship Award (fall 1995; fall 1996; spring 1997; spring 1998); Order of Omega Scholarship Award (1995-97); Louisiana Honors Scholarship (1995-97); TOPS Teacher Award (1998); T.H. Harris Scholarship (1995-98).
Accomplishments/ Honors:
Greek 1010 Facilitator (1998); Students Helping Students Peer Orientation Leader (fall 1998); delegate to Phi Mu National Convention (1998);
Parent Connection Straight Talk Panel (1998); Freshman Connection Meet-the-Greeks Panel (1998); Parent Connection Meet-the-Greeks Panel (1998);
All-Greek Alumni Committee (1998); Who's Who Nominee (1998).

Features

Features Office 357-5456

Symphony not just for experts

Gregory J. Gelpi
Contributing Writer

One doesn't have to be a music expert to enjoy Northwestern's Symphony Orchestra's kickoff tonight at 7:30 in Magale Recital Hall.

"I think sometimes you almost expect too much out of going to a concert other than just sitting back and maybe closing your eyes and letting the music wash over you and see what emotions the music makes you have," Dr. George Adams, conductor of the Northwestern Orchestra, said.

The Orchestra will perform pieces from different composers, including *Overture in D Major* (in the Italian Style) by Schubert, *Three String Pieces* by Puccini and *Symphony #2 in D Major* by Sibelius.

"There is a lot of variety in the concert," Adams said.

The selected pieces will vary in their emotion.

"If you like light, come for Schubert; If you like romantic, come for Puccini," Stephanie Hennigan, senior member of the Orchestra, said.

The Sibelius selection evokes different emotions through its mood swings.

"Sibelius runs the gamut from almost a folksy quality to the second movement, which is excessively violent," Adams said. "The final piece of the Sibelius symphony has a huge range of emotions."

Adams challenges everyone to form a personal connection to each musical selection.

"I don't think you can leave the concert indifferent to what has been played," Adams explained. "You may not like all of it. You may love all of it. But I don't think it is possible to leave particularly indifferent to it."

The concert should be enjoyed by all, not just those who are knowledgeable about music.

"I don't think that you can sleep through the latter part of the concert," Adam's added.

Admission is free for Northwestern and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students and $5 for the general public.

Campus Spotlight: ΣΣΣ's new members

Kelle Head
Contributing Writer

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority extended bids to 38 new members this semester.

These new members will be initiated on October 10.

The new members recently organized Harvest, the sorority's fall social

Sigma Sigma Sigma was founded in 1898 and has been at Northwestern since 1928.

Tri Sigma is involved with the Natchitoches Boy's and Girls Club and also participates in various other community service projects throughout the year.

Front Row (left to right): Suzanne Sewell, Laura Wimberly, Sommer Miller, and Keli Ourso. **Second Row:** Katie Plummer, Jenna Mohl, Molly Beach, Courtney Gillan, Jodie Ackel, Elizabeth McFadden, Maggie Cathey, Nicole Waldron, Whitney Fite, Tara Davis, Jennifer Paul, and Dana Leblanc. **Third Row:** Lindsey Wright, Raechal Leone, Jill Richie, Shelly Baswell, Jamie Jacobs, Amanda Poole, Amy Hollis, Leslie Grosjean, Jennifer Despino, Mindy Allen, Alison Bulot, Ashley Carline, and Danielle Steele. **Fourth Row:** Abbey Norwood, Misty Tolbird, Lindsay Lucas, Melissa Laney, Lori Miller Lori Waguespack, Laynie Legendre, Shelley Tyson, and Jessica Gilmore

"Current Quotes"

What do you think about fall break?

"I'd rather have a longer Thanksgiving break because I live far away from here"

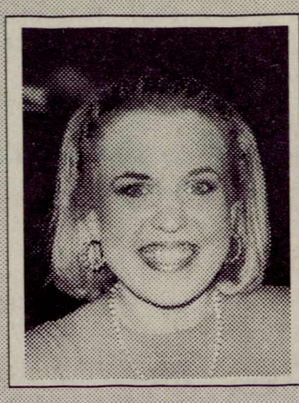
--Matt Cummings
--Freshman

"I don't like that. Who cares about a fall break? We want more time to spend with our families."

--Montray Cruel
--Sophomore

"It's our first break, and it'll be good because the beginning of the semester is always crazy."

--Laura Harper
--Junior



"I think it's good because the students need a break other than Thanksgiving."

--Heather Ragsdale
--Senior

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NSU earns Mizzou's respect

Jennfier Quebedeaux
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons may have fallen 35-14 to Missouri Saturday, but not without making a fan of the Tiger's head coach Larry Smith.

"I'll tell you what: Northwestern State could play a lot of teams in the Big 12 or about any conference, and they'd come away with some pretty good victories," Smith said. "We were lucky—and we were thankful—to win the game."

The Demons made themselves known early in the game with a strong defense. The Purple Swarm began the game by holding the Tigers to minus six yards on the ground in the first quarter.

Missouri finished the game with 260 yards, just 50 yards shy of their topped ranking Division I-A record.

Tiger senior tailback Devin West netted 176 of the 260 yards on 30 carries with three touchdowns for 17, five and four yards, respectively.

"I think we underestimated this team, and that is what coach told us not to do," West commented. "They're a quality football team, as we saw out there."

The Demons were on their feet, as they moved the ball for 11 of 15 minutes of the opening quarter.

"They came out and brought it to us in the first half," Missouri defensive end Justin Smith said. "They came right at us, smashmouth football. We didn't expect that at all."

The Demons netted 213 passing yards by Warren Patterson and 140 all-purpose yards on 16 touches from Ronnie Powell.

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>
> Larry Smith, Missouri head coach

Junior safety Mike Green intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the Tiger's first scoring threat and made 18 tackles.

On the opening drive, which reached the Tigers' 34-yard line, the Demons dropped a third-down pass inside the Missouri 10- yard line and missed a third-and-1 at the Tiger 26.

The Demons then failed on a 47-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

Northwestern got a 50-yard kick-off return by Powell to the Tiger 32-yard line, following a bollixed punt snap at the Demon 28-yard line.

With receiver Chris Pritchett behind a defender at the 10-yard line, Patterson was hit as he released a pass on the next play and the underthrown ball was intercepted.

"We had three really good opportunities to score in the first half, and walked inside without any points," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin remarked. "That really put us in a hole."

Northwestern obtained points for each of the three drives made in the second half inside the Tigers' 35-yard line.

Field goals of 30 and 32 yards by Thomas LaToof resulted from two sacks that froze the ball at the seven and the 13- yard line, respectively.

Patterson and Pritchett teamed up for a 27-yard touchdown with 10:55 left to play, giving way to holder Shawn Grigsby for a two-point conversion that brought the score to 28-14.

The Tigers, refusing to yield, clinched one final touchdown on an 11 play, 35 yard drive with 5:02 left in the game.

The Demons take a week of rest, as they prepare for their next home game. Northwestern will face McNeese on Thursday October 15 at 6 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

News Bureau

After a tough game against Missouri, the Demons prepare Turpin Stadium for its Oct. 15 matchup against McNeese State.

Soccer undefeated in Southland

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

A white-hot Demon soccer team finds itself at the top of the Southland Conference standings and now owns a five game winning streak after three wins last week.

Two of the Demons' (7-3-1) wins came on the road against conference rivals McNeese and Nicholls state. The Demons now stand alone at the top of the SLC standings, with a 3-0 conference record.

"This was a very good week for us," Coach Watkins said. "This gives us a lot of momentum going against Stephen F. Austin this week."

The Demons' offense was pumping out more goals this week scoring 10 goals in three games. This increases the Demons' league lead to 39 goals this season.

But what may seem more impressive is the lack of scoring by the opposition. Midfielders Kelly Kahanek and Holly Horn, along with Defenseman Janet Callahan, has virtually shut down all opposing teams, aiding Goalkeepers Wendy Woodham and Tiffany Swingler to four straight shutouts.

"Callahan basically anchors our defense, and Kahanek and Horn have really been working hard in the middle," Watkins said.

The big offensive weapons of Amy Fulkerson, Missy Payne and Brittany Cargill did not slow down this week either. These four combined for 5 of the 10 goals this week and four assists. Amy Fulkerson, the conference leader in goals, added two goals this week, while Brittany Cargill, who is second in the conference behind Fulkerson, scored three goals. She also added two assists.

"We knew that Cargill was capable of being a strong player, but she's developed way beyond anyone expected," Watkins commented. "She's been one of our biggest surprises this year."

Another surprise has been the dominant play of Woodham and Swingler. The two have not allowed a goal in four games, bringing their respective GAA to a microscopic 1.72 and .089. Their combined GAA is also a minuscule 1.15, compared to the 3.44 GAA for the rest of the conference.

Kate Tsakanikas also had had an excellent week, as she had two goals. Joanna Mckee and Holly Horn also had goals this week, bringing these three girls' total to three on the year.

Tammy Peck scored her first goal of the season also in the 6-0 win over Nicholls.

Even though the Demons have sole possession of the conference lead, the Demons still have a big test on Friday at home against the SFA Ladyjacks. SFA is the defending regular season champion and picked to finish first this year. Coach Watkins believes that his team will be focused and ready for their showdown.

"We're not getting a big head. We know that we're playing well, but we're definitely not at our level yet."

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___Jacksonville St. at McNeese St___
___LSU at Florida___
___La. Tech at Northeast La.___
___Mississippi at Alabama___
___Georgia at Tennessee___
___Sam Houston St. at Nicholls St___
___Nebraska at Texas A & M.___
___Marshall at Ohio.___
___Florida St. at Miami (Fla)___
___Navy at Air Force___

NFL

___Carolina at Dallas___
___San Francisco at New Orleans___
___Indianapolis at Buffalo___
___Washington at Philadelphia___
___Tennessee at Baltimore___
___Kansas City at New England___
___Pittsburgh at Cincinnati___
___Chicago at Arizona___
___San Diego at Oakland___
___Denver at Seattle___
___Atlanta at NY Giants___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Miami at Jacksonville___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

Student Athlete of the Week

Michael Green
Football

The junior defensive back recorded sixteen tackles including 9 unassisted in 35-14 loss to Missouri. Green also intercepted a pass in the endzone during the first quarter to keep a scoreless tie. The Demons move their season record to 4-1.

Student Athlete of the Week

Brittany Cargill
Soccer

The freshman forward scored in all three matches this past week to help the Demons to three victories. Against conference rival McNeese State Cargill scored the lone goal in the 1-0 victory. The Demons improve their overall record to 7-3-1 and 3-0 in the SLC.

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Get ready for the Swarm!

Demon-Cowboy matchup to be aired by Fox Sports Southwest Thursday at 6 p.m.

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

The Southland Football League co-champion Northwestern State Demons await the "Southland Showdown" Thursday night; they will do battle with in-state rivals, the McNeese State Cowboys, on live television at 6 p.m. Unfortunately, the game will not be available for viewing in Natchitoches.

A regional television audience of 5.5 million will be watching the Demons on Fox Sports Southwest. According to Dennis Kalina, assistant athletic director, one can expect a near-capacity crowd at Turpin Stadium Thursday.

Students need to show a school I.D. card at the gate to get into the game. Students bringing family members need to go to the Ticket Office inside the Athletic Fieldhouse located at the end of Turpin Stadium to buy tickets in advance.

The Athletic Department will be giving away shakers or miniature pom-pons to the first 3,000 people through the gate at the game.

Also, Chevron will be giving away dollar discount gas coupons.

For a special bonus at half time, one student will get the chance to kick a field goal for a semester of free books from University Bookstore.

"This game is going to be televised live on national television, so we want to pack Turpin," Kalina commented. "Students are welcomed to bring signs, take their shirts off and paint their bodies. We want students to get a little crazy for Thursday's game."

"When we picked the games we wanted in our television package, the matchup of our two defending conference champions was an obvious choice," Greg Sankey, commissioner of the Southland Football League. said. "We expected both teams to be outstanding again this season, and they have been. Either of them could win the national championship."

Northwestern State (4-1) is No. 8 in the last national poll, while the Cowboys (4-0) are No. 1. McNeese led the series 26-18-1.

The last time the Demons beat the Cowboys was in 1991 as Northwestern took it 20-3.

Leading the Demons from the air is Warren Patterson.

Patterson has thrown 37 complete of 67 attempts for 747 yards in the last 11 quarters. He had a streak of 50 straight pass attempts without an interception, which was broken last week during the Southwest Texas game.

Senior tailback Ronnie Powell controls the ball from the ground averaging 1.2 yards per carry. He has 460 yards rushing on 66 carries and five touchdowns.

The Demon's Purple Swarm defense has been stacking records. The Demons have 27 sacks for the year and need only 10 more to break an 11-year-old record.

The Demon's running defense has only allowed 96 yards in four games, while the passing defense has allowed only 850 yards in four games, with 157 yards from long touchdown passes.

The Demons have been wearing decals on the backs of their helmets honoring former teammate Cody Lee Smith. Smith left Northwestern due to a rare stomach illness that has affected him since 1995.

The last time the Demons and the Cowboys met, the Demons took a hard 50-7 loss to McNeese State, the worst margin of defeat since a 51-7 score at Louisiville in 1978. The Demons posted negative eight yards rushing and 141 total yards passing.

The Demons sole touchdown came when Michael Alford ran a 55-yard interception return in the closing minutes of the first half.

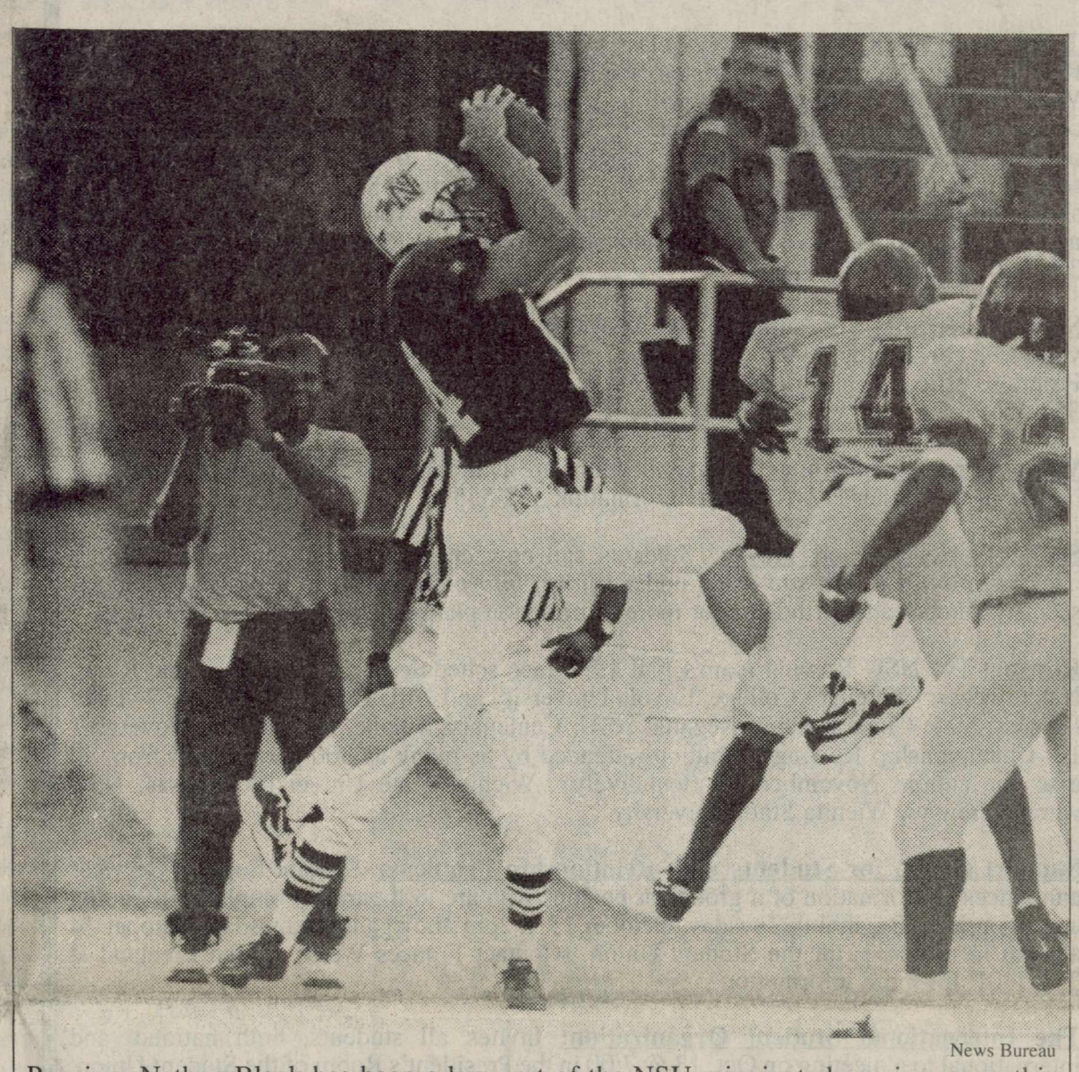
"One of us walks away unbeaten in the conference, knowing we've beaten a great football team," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin, said "It's not the end-all. This is too tough a conference to put all of your eggs in one basket;But winning this game will put you in good shape."

After last year's McNeese game, Northwestern State did not lose a game during the regular season, including a 38-24 championship victory over Stephen F. Austin.

"The fans that night were electric," Goodwin noted. "It's the best home field atmosphere we've ever had. We all remember the students rushing the field and taking the goalposts at the end, and I will never forget how noisy it was on the field in the second half."

"That's what we can see Thursday night." Goodwin continued. "We're playing the No. 1 team in the country, a team that embarrassed us last year, and in a game that both teams have anticipated since the start of fall practice."

For ticket information call the Ticket Office at 356-4268 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Monday.



News Bureau

Receiver Nathan Black has been a key part of the NSU rejunivated passing game this season. The NSU receiving crew has been effective along with quarterback Warren Patterson, who ranks second in the SFL and 12th nationally in pass rating (149.6).

Parking still a problem

Crystal Swanner
Contributing Writer

Last year, over $110,000 in traffic fines was collected at the cashier's office. The money collected is put into the University's general fund. This fund is used for various expenses around the campus.

The University Police Department issued over 5,000 tickets last year. Over 500 of those ticket fines have not been paid yet. Each parking violation fine is $25. The speeding tickets start at $10 and increase according to the mileage above the speed limit. Anyone who has not yet paid fines needs to go to the cashier's office and pay before registration for the spring. Students will not be allowed to graduate until they pay their fines and the hold on their accounts is taken off. A hold stays on a student's record until the fees are paid.

Contrary to rumor, the University Police Department has not lost the records of tickets on their accounts. The tracker system did go down, but all of the records were recovered.

"Nothing was lost," Rickie Williams, Chief of University Police, said. "The department has received a new tracker system that will keep a better record of the ticket citations issued each year. The department is also using ticket books to keep a hard copy of the tickets written."

Many students feel the police department is writing too many tickets. Unfortunately, the number of tickets written is not going to decrease because the revenue collected from fines is included in the University's budget. The number of tickets given is expected to increase to fit the budget's increase.

One common complaint is that there just are not enough spaces for the number of students parking on campus.

"I feel that the cops are just doing their jobs, but they could be a little more lenient with students," freshman Chuck Harris said. "We are all on a tight budget, and pay the same registration fees for our cars; therefore, it should be a first-come, first-served basis for parking."

There are over 4,000 parking spaces on campus. "I know we have more cars registered than spaces to park, but not everyone attends class at the same time," Williams said. "Also, some students register more than one car."

Parking zones are allocated according to resident or commuter status. The spaces in each zone correspond to the estimated number of students who will need to park in those areas.

For University Columns residents, the University parking regulations apply to the P.E. Majors building. Therefore, when students park in the commuter zone, they need to move their cars by 7:00 a.m. because commuter students need those spaces. Those who run the complex are trying to buy more land for residents' parking. For residents who can not park in the complex, the police department recommends that parking on Greek Hill, where students will not be ticketed.

All students are encouraged to follow the regulations that the University Police have.

A map is available for students who do not know which zones that they can park in. The map can be picked up at the University Police Department.

Otherwise, signs are posted at each zone stating who is allowed to park in each particular zone.

For further information about zones or traffic fines, students can call the University Police at 357-5431.

Student arrested and charged; suspected of sexual misconduct

Philip Wise:
Editor-in-Chief &
Debra Parker:
Contributing Reporter

Layn J. Lesniewski, 24, 707 Melrose Ave., Natchitoches, was arrested last Tuesday at the ROTC parking lot and later charged with three counts of pandering.

Lesniewski, freshman, was apprehended at approximately 2 p.m. by University Police. Lesniewski was charged with counts of sexual misconduct later that afternoon. He is suspected of trying to convince female students to pose for pornographic materials.

Lesniewski was released on bond from the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center after further investigation by University Police.

Reports from University Police indicated that Lesniewski posed as a representative for a fictitious modeling agency known as Images. He would first try to get the females to model swim wear and lingerie. He would then try to persuade them to perform private dances and videos.

Chief Ricky Williams said open charges have been filed, but a court date has not been set.

It is not yet known if Lesniewski produced any pornography on campus. The investigation is still open, and the campus police are hoping that any students who Lesniewski approached will come forward to help further the investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to call Det. Doug Prescott at (318) 357-5431.

Midterm grades can be picked up on Oct. 22

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

With half a semester completed, mid-term grades will soon be available for students to gauge their academic progress.

Students may pick up their mid-term grades from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 23 in the Student Union lobby.

Brenda Dailey, assistant registrar, said it is important for students to pick up their mid-term grades because it allows them an opportunity to view their progress in various classes.

"Mid-term is important because this is feed back for students to see what they need to do for the last half of the semester," Dailey said.

Dailey said students must have a picture ID to receive their grades. However, grades will not be available after Oct. 23 at 4:30 p.m.

She said students who have received low grades can talk to their instructors and possibly make arrangements for tutoring or supplemental work.

Chuck Harford, a junior computer information system major, said mid-term grades aren't very important, but he said he still plans to look at them.

"I just pick them up to see where I'm standing in the class," Harford said.

Marty Hughes, a senior business administration major, said he already knows what his grades are in most of his classes. However, he plans to pick up his grades just to be on the safe side.

"You want to make sure your records are the same as your teachers," Hughes said. "It lets me know where I stand in the class."

Students have the choice to drop the class. The last day to drop a class with a grade of "W" is Oct. 30. Dailey said a "W" simply means that a student has withdrawn from a class, and it will not affect their GPA.

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Campus Connections

Alpha Omicron Pi: I hope everyone' week is getting off to a great start. Thanks to all the members who participated in flag football. You ladies did a great job and we appreciate your enthusiasm and hard work. Don't forget about our sisterhood on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Alpha love and roses go out to the following sisters: Amanda Brosset, Kristin Catanese, Candy Cox, Danielle Dornier, Kristi Hanes, Amanda Harman, Michelle Harvey, Alissa Hayes, Amber McKnight, Melanie Messick, Julie Pitts, Crystal Robbins, Amanda Speilman and Amie Stennet. We miss you very much. Love and roses also go out to Katie Bowen, whose birthday is on Saturday 17. We love you and hope you have an awesome day. Alpha A's: Katie Bowen; Pam Hoss, 3; Becky Farabough; Shelly Jimenez, 2; Ashlee Freeman; Missy Dugal, 2; Alexis Roy, 3; Crystal Ware; Sarah Vaughn, 3; Amie Stennett. Alpha B's: Michelle Harvey, 2; Alexis Roy; Missy Dugal; Sarah Vaughn; Andrea Lemoine; Jessica Alligood, 2; Ginny McNeil; Crystal Ware; Christee Noland; Ashlee Freeman; Shelly Jimenez, 2. Thought for the week: Each of our sisters is a wonderful gift from God. We should always value them and treat them as such. Alpha Love and Roses!

Teddy Bear Week: A social work class, consisting of Brittany Bono, Joanna Bradford, Kelli Rabalais, Marla Sawrie, Kristen Norfleet and Anne Long, will sponsor "Teddy Bear Week" Nov. 2-6. Stuffed animals will be given to pediatric patients at the LSU Medical center in Shreveport and Huey P. Long Hospital in Pineville. Organizations that are interested in donating stuffed animals should deliver them to the President's Room on the second floor of the Student Union on Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The stuffed animals should be placed in either boxes or bags and labeled with your organization or business name. Prizes will be given to the winners of the contest. For more information, call (318) 356-0203 or (318) 356-9300.

Students Helping Students: If you would like to become a Student Helping Students volunteer for Spring 1999 Orientation, pick up an application in the New Student Programs office. Applications are due Friday October 16, 1998. For more information call 357-5559.

Wanted Freshmen Connectors: Applications are available in Student Union 103 and will be due back Wednesday. For more information 357-5559.

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information* all you need is your social security number and birthdate. For more information please call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Rowing: The NSU Rowing team's Fall 1998 race schedule is: October 24--Cane River, Natchitoches: Centenary College, Loyola University and NSU Crews; November 7--Lake Charles, State Championship Regatta: NSU, Centenary, Tulane, and Loyola; November 14--Championship Rowing Marathon--attended by as many as 300 participants from all over the nation; November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

Support Group for Students with Relationship Problems: Student Support Services announces the formation of a group for persons who are in the transition phase of ending a relationship. Beginning Tuesday, October 13 at 2pm and again Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm in room 312 of the Student Union. Contact Frances Welch or Ted Freeland at 357-5901. for more information.

The International Student Organization: Invites all students, both national and international to a meeting on Oct. 13 @ 7:00 in the President's Room of the Student Union. Please bring recipes to organize the International Food Fair which will be held on Nov. 18

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Private housing on campus to be considered at trustee meeting

Gregory J. Gelpi
Contributing Writer

Northwestern is in the early stages of investigating the idea of campus-wide privatized housing in accordance with a recommendation made by the State Board of Trustees during their August meeting.

"We're in that learning phase," Frances Conine, director of auxiliary services, said.

Representatives will attend an auxiliary services conference in October and a conference in December specifically geared towards privatized housing.

"The University paid off all debt to all housing in March or April of 1998," Dr. Dan Seymour, vice-president of student affairs, said.

With the housing debt paid, the University is now able to adopt privatized housing.

Northwestern would dictate any contract with a housing company, thus insuring the status quo of housing policy.

"It would be in the contract that all positions would be full-time Northwestern students," Seymour explained.

Currently, food services, custodial services and the University Columns are privatized.

"Privatization is the trend in higher education," Conine said. "I would say that Northwestern has been a pioneer in the use of the apartments."

A contract would not occur for another 2 or 3 years.

"If we decided that we didn't like the company and wanted to move away from them, it would be a really big hassle if they were running everything with the dorms," Tristan McInnis, a junior concentrating in Scientific Inquiry, said " It would be really hard to move away and go with another company or start working it ourselves."

It is too early as of yet to consider the cost of privatized housing.

"We want to do what is most cost effective and beneficial for students," Conine said.

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SGA to provide grants to campus organizations

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Student organizations in need of financial assistance may be eligible for grants from the Student Government Association.

SGA senators recently voted to allow $2,000 of their budget to be spent on organizational grants.

Any chartered student organization on campus can apply for a grant. One organization may submit several grant applications; however, only one grant will be awarded to that particular organization.

The maximum amount any organization can receive is $200. Luke Dowden, SGA president, said preference will be given to those organizations participating in fund raising efforts to supplement their revenue.

The idea for organizational grants was first presented by Angelique Duhon, SGA vice-president. Duhon said this program would allow the SGA to better meet the needs of various organizations.

"For the past two years, I have witnessed several organizations request and be refused funding," Duhon said. "I believe this is a solution to some funding problems for these student organizations."

Shawn Hornsby, senate chair, said that in previous years student organizations have come to the SGA asking for financial assistance. However, the SGA needed a system that would ensure that all organizations were given a fair chance at receiving a grant.

"Our policy has been that if we help one, we help all," Hornsby said. "This program allows us to help more organizations."

Dowden said the grant program will follow similar programs at other universities in the University of Louisiana system. He said this school year will be a "pilot year" for the program. Every year, the SGA will vote on whether to keep the program in existence.

Anyone interested in applying for a grant should come by the SGA office in room 222 in the Student Union to get a packet.

Organizational grant applications are due by noon on Oct. 21 in the Student Activities office in room 214 of the Student Union.

No grant applications will be accepted after this date.

Once applications have been received, the internal SGA Grant Committee and the treasurer will make recommendations to the Senate for approval.

SGA Minutes

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Senate
Committee Reports:

-Internal Affairs: Working on several bills, making changing to by-laws, JaJuan, Rusty, and Vanessa did great job on the bills.

-External Affairs: Brought a proposal to SAB this morning for Meet the Representative Day. SGA homepage needs help and ideas. Meeting is still Thursday @ 3:30.

-SAB Representative: Approved orange T-shirts for homecoming. Spencers magic and illusion show will take place @7 p.m. in the student union ballroom on Oct. 17.

-Fiscal Affairs: Needs new chair-new business.

-Club Sports: No Report

-Academic Affairs: Went over academic file. Researched for new bills.

-Student Affairs: Meeting was cancelled this week. Our meetings are Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Old Business:

--Current Sauce and Potpourri budgets--lots of discussion. Motion to vote on approval of budget for Current Sauce. Passed.

--Potpourri budget-lots of discussion-motion to approve potpourri budget passes.

New Business:

-Paul Rome nominated for Fiscal Affairs Chair.

-Motion to close nominations. Passed.

-Strike FA 98-008

-FA98-004 -- Tabled

-FA98-005 -- Tabled

-FA98-006 -- Second sponsor was pulled. Tabled.

-FA98-007 -- Tabled.

-McNeese Bill -- tabled.

-Motion to pass Luke's travel budget. Passed.

-Motion for Meet the Senator day with SAB. Passed.

-Paul brought up SAB/SGA football game.

Special Reports:

-Mrs. Gail gave a presentation for the SGA on how important the T-shirts are to the program. She asked that SGA continue to support Freshman Connections by purchasing T-shirts..**Vice President's Report:**

-Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 12:45, I need a volunteer to take my place at the Resource Allocation meeting. (Paul Rome volunteered)

-Office hour chart posted by my office door. Please record your office hours on the log sheet.

-Breakfast with President Webb, Oct. 13, will be for non-traditional students.

-Homecoming crown is in, it is very nice.

Officers' Reports

President's Report:

-Good job on Internal Affairs Committee. Great job on the bills.

-FA98-001 and FA98-003 can be voted on tonight.

-Bills FA98-004 - FA98008 have to be tabled - there will be no emergency status on any of these bills.

-Asked the senate to please approve traveling funds for Oct. 22-23. $68 total, plus $.26 per mile for my car I will be representing COSBP on Oct. 22 at the Board of Trustees meeting.

-Traffic and Appeals, please show up to your appointed meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. in room 221.

-Need three senators to sit on the Who's Who committee on Oct. 23.

-Need senators to post flyers in Keyser, FACS, Education PID B, all over school advertising the Child Care Grants.

-Wed. at 9 a.m. the ITAC committee meeting will take place.

-Recommend that the senate set up a committee to review bills and work with the President and Vice-President to look over by-laws.

-Press releases were sent out to the Current Sauce for Child Care Grants.

-All organizations were sent notice of the organizational grants.

-Recommended that a bill be written for the remodeling of the Student Affairs Office.

-McNeese proposed a bill, we will go over it in new business.

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Leadership seminar held Oct. 6

Melissa Z. Carpenter
Contributing Writer

Northwestern State University, coupled with the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, held a Leadership Seminar Oct. 6 in the David P. Morgan Auditorium in Russell Hall.

Bob Ash of Indianapolis was the featured speaker of the seminar titled "Effective Leadership: Be The Best You Can Be!" The seminar began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 4:00 p. m.

Mr. Ash is the owner of Life Lessons, which is a presentation and seminar company established in June 1995. Since then, he has provided training to over 55,000 people in 43 states and two foreign countries. Prior to establishing his own business, Ash spoke at many seminars while working for the Colorado School System as a school superintendent.

The seminar provided information on leadership roles, how to be an effective person, how to be more creative, basic people skills and skills for teamwork--all of which are important to being a good employer or employee.

"The most effective leader is a leader who people choose to follow," Ash said. "I bring practical things from a variety of sources to help my audiences learn the techniques to do so."

Approximately 30 people were in attendance from various business and organizations, such as City Bank, Bank One, Farm Bureau and the city's fire, police and utility departments.

"Bob brings out a lot of stuff you don't realize you do everyday," an employee of the city's utility department said. "He makes you realize more of the steps you need to take to becoming an employer people enjoy working for."

During the seminar, Ash showed scenes from various inspiring movies that would make this points more concrete. This tactic seemed to make an impact on the audience. Throughout the seminar, Ash kept the audience laughing with his life experiences and tasteful humor.

"Bob Ash is as good as your going to get when it comes to this," Nick Pollacia, executive vice-president of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "He has a national reputation, and we were glad we could bring him to Natchitoches."

SGA election numbers released

Only 13% of students took time to vote

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Approximately 13 percent of the student body voted in last week's Homecoming elections.

The Student Government Association reported that out of 5,910 students enrolled on the Natchitoches campus, 760 took time to vote.

Students were asked to cast their vote for Mr. and Miss NSU, the Homecoming Court and freshmen senators.

Luke Dowden, SGA president, said he was pleased with the voter turn-out for this particular election.

"I thought the turn-out was good," Dowden said. "Gauging from the turn-out for the IM referendum, voters seem to be a lot less apathetic than in previous years."

Even though more students voted in the IM election, Dowden said he has noticed a definite increase in voters and in the number of people who are wanting to take an active role in the university.

Dowden felt that one reason students voted was because the elections dealt with Homecoming, which always seems to be a special time for everyone at school.

"Homecoming is important because it's a representative of the spirit of Northwestern," Kelli Rivere, newly-elected Homecoming Queen, said. "It's a very special and meaningful time for all the students and the alumni."

Rivere said she is glad that students took the time to vote for such a special occasion.

"It's an honor," the new queen said. "I'm so thankful the student body thought enough of me to elect me to this position."

Other members of this year's Homecoming Court include Andi Airhart, Tammy Bordelon, April Bradford, Angelique Duhon, Kathleen Gillan, Gina Mahl, Camille Nunez, Heather Ragsdale and Emily Tracy.

Raechal Leone and Madeline Rozas were elected as freshmen senators.

A run-off election will be held Wednesday and Thursday to determine Mr. and Miss NSU. Students must choose from David Deggs and Korey Keith for Mr. NSU and Kathleen Gillan and Kelli Rivere for Miss NSU. Elections will be held in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students must present their school ID in order to vote.

Thief loose in FA building

Recent thefts draws concerns of faculty and students

Debra Parker
Staff Reporter

Attention: do not leave your wallet, purse or anything of value lying around. Keep it on you until we catch the punk who is stealing our stuff. Number of victims to this date are nine.

This sign can be read by anyone who enters the Student Theatre Union of Northwestern Lounge in the Fine Arts building. Henry Lee Layton, theatre major, wrote it because he is alarmed by the thefts that have plagued the theatre, art and music departments recently.

Dr. Jack Wann, artistic director of theatre, is very concerned about the well being of the staff and students in the departments.

"We have been in touch with the campus police, and they assure us that they are doing everything possible to catch the perpetrator," Wann commented.

Detective Sgt. Doug Prescott from the University Police is investigating the thefts and is following up on leads. Prescott is not sure if the theft of the photographs that were displayed in the Orville Hanchey Gallery are related to the other thefts. The stolen photographs were part of an art exhibit sponsored in honor of Herman Leonard, an artist who photographed some of the best jazz musicians of this century. Four photographs were stolen, worth approximately $4,500. The musicians featured in the pictures were Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Duke Ellington and Bob Blately.

All of the photographs have been recovered, but the perpetrator was not apprehended. The location of where they were found has not been released due to an on-going investigation.

The thief in S.T.U.N. is not only targeting students: faculty members are affected as well.

"My stuff was stolen right from my office," Sharon Foster, costume designer, said. "I was right next door when my wallet was taken from my purse. I understand that I might never get my money back, but I wish the thief would at least return my personal items, such as my license and the social security cards that belong to me and my children."

Some faculty are so shook up that they are locking their office doors.

"It's gotten to the point now that I always lock my office," Debbie Fontenot, adjunct faculty member, said. "Before, I never worried about that. It is scary because we are like a very close knit family in this department."

Senior theatre major Jennifer Steiner was devastated to discover that she was the most recent victim on Monday, Oct. 5.

"I was coming for rehearsal and went to the costume shop to find out whether I needed to try on my costume," Steiner said. "When I found out that I needed to, I placed my duffel bag and make-up case outside the door. I was only in there for ten minutes when I came out and discovered that my bag was open and my purse was gone. It was reported to the stage hands, and everyone started looking for someone suspicious. The purse was found in the men's bathroom of the music department with $150 taken."

Assistant professor Scott Burrell spotted someone suspicious in the building not long after Steiner's purse was located. He was not a student and did not belong in the building.

"In my opinion it was pretty obvious that he was scooping the place out," Burrell said. "My main concern is that we are more aware. People who look like they don't belong usually don't."

Burrell notified the University Police and the suspect was questioned. He did not have any stolen merchandise in his possession, so he was released with a warning never to return.

If any anyone has any information regarding these thefts, please notify Detective Prescott at 357-5431. All calls will be kept confidential.

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'Meet your Rep' day set for Oct. 26

Student leaders will be availble for questions

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The SGA and SAB are sponsering a "meet your rep" day, October 26 during Homecoming week.

It will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union. It will be in conjunction with the photo buttons. There will be an information board displayed while students wait in line to get their photo buttons made.

The information board is there for students to look at and learn about their senators and representatives. There will be senators and representatives on hand to talk with the students on a personal level and get to know them.

"This way, students will get to know the people they are voting for. We're here to listen to you and your concerns with NSU. Bring your questions and comments because to SGA, students do come first," Greg Gelpi, SGA senator said.

"We thought this would be a good opportunity for students to connect with the people planning activities. We hope that this will promote a communication between SAB and the people we serve," Reta Brashears, Vice-President of SAB said.

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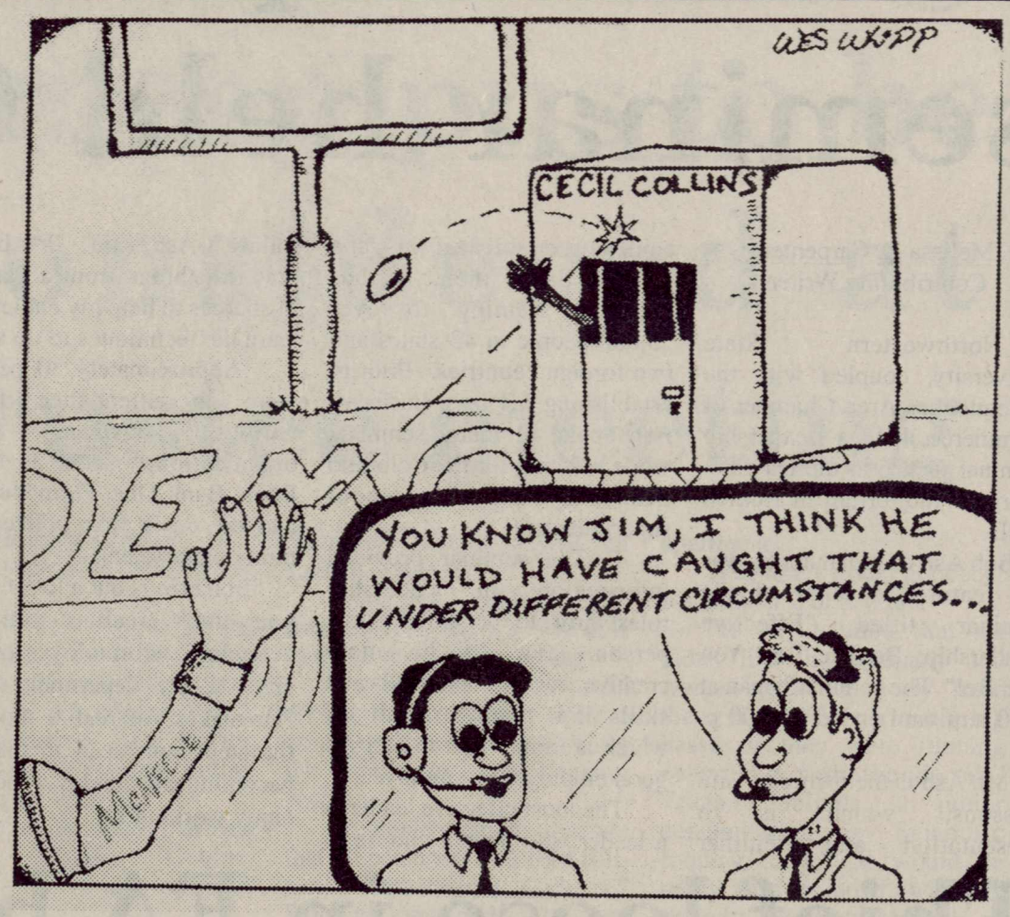
Our View

Poor Cecil. All that talent and ability, and he probably won't get a chance to use it. Everybody out there should feel sorry for the local guy who has gotten a raw deal from the system, right?

WRONG!

Athletes like Cecil Collins represent exactly what is wrong with collegiate athletics. Athletes like him think they can do no wrong, treat people any way they want to, and get away with practically anything. These athletes need to realize they have a set of rules they must play by on and off the field. Ole Cecil got caught by a 'holding' penalty, and the 10 yards he would cost his team on the field may turn out to be more like 10 years.

At one time it looked very likely that Collins would become a Demon. Hats off to the powers that be that nipped this rumor in the bud. We didn't need Collins with the talent we have at runningback. Even if we didn't have a back who could carry a loaf of bread, we still don't need a problem child that can't control his actions.



McNeese found itself in the same boat as us, but they made a different decision. They chose to gamble and take Collins, and now it is clear the gamble didn't pan out. Cowboy coach Bobby Keasler should be thankful that he has Jesse Burton on his squad. Burton, a Natchitoches native, is an outstanding runner and a quality person off of the field. Burton provides the stability and character that McNeese was lacking with Collins.

Could Smurfs be Communists

Jamie Slayter

Guest columnist

Smurfs are communist! "What the heck," you might say?

I'm afraid it's all too true. I had been hearing rumors about this horrid concept for quite some time, but still I refused to believe that those lovable, blue, smurfberry-eating creatures, frolicking throughout their mushroomal habitats, that I used to love as a child, could actually be EVIL COMMUNISTS. So, to put my spirit at ease, I decided to investigate this dirty little rumor in order to see if there was any truth in it.

I searched and searched... and let me just say that the facts I have found will absolutely blow away any preconceived notions you may have had about smurfs being merely a bunch of innocent, little, shroom-dwelling men (and woman)!

Take the smurf community for example: They are an excellent representation of your typical communist society. Every smurf has an equal place in smurfian society and they all work together for the benefit of the whole village.

They share everything that is produced or collected, right down to the last smurfberry. And check out that uniform style of dress! Every smurf wears the same, exact outfit of a white hat and pants (not exactly a fashion statement).

As for Papa Smurf... can you say NAZI DICTATOR boys and girls? Yes. Papa Smurf is most definitely the communist dictator of his smurfy communist regime. He is the sole leader of the smurfs and gives out the orders on what work is to be done by each smurf. Also notice how Papa Smurf's outerwear is red instead of white... the color red being the representative color of communism! (How appropriate for a smurfy communist leader!)

Then there is Gargamel who wants to catch the little,blue critters in order to melt them into gold. Gargamel indeed represents capitalism(which communists are not very fond of). Gargamel is the greedy capitalist whose purpose in life is the accumulation of as much money as possible.

You can't help but notice that Gargamel does look a bit Jewish. Rather appropriate I'd say, since the communists persecuted Jews for their love of money.

There are many other shocking facts where these came from. Believe these frightening comparisons or not, but at least admit that the smurfs may not be all that they're smurfed up to be. And to think, you'd expect communist propaganda to come in a more disgusting form like Barney or Power Rangers... go figure!

Campus According To Casey

Casey Shannon

Get out and see Natchitoches

While visiting the homes featured on this year's Fall Pilgrimage of Homes, I was reminded of a recurring revelation.

As college students, we are all to blame for not appreciating the immediacy of now. In doing so, we pave a clear path for life to dive-in a truckload of regret later.

The best method utilized to combat this mission is photography. I am not speaking of chemically imprinting a landscape or situation. I am speaking of the ability to imprint an important moment, character, story, etc.

Think of the Louisiana native's notorious for this ability.....Kate Chopin, John Kennedy Toole, Clementine Hunter, Robert Harling, and even Justin Wilson (in his own weird way).....who have all etched a piece of Louisiana heritage into everyone's (that is everyone who pays attention) mind.

In a time where everyone has his/her own definition of art, please allow me to take a stab. Art (in its simplest form) is the ability of one person to invoke the emotions of another through that in which both can relate.

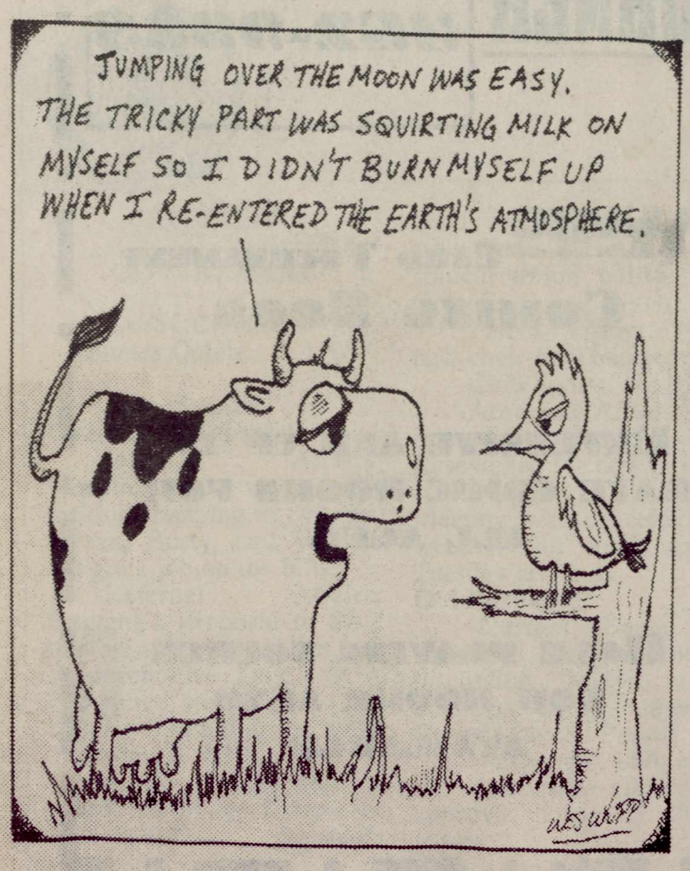
Venture out in and beyond this campus and take notice to all of the quirky little things that this town has to offer. The above mentioned "artists" are so not for their genius, but for their ability to take a universal photograph and present it to the world in a way that appeals to all.

Be you a Natchitochian for a few hours or a few years, undoubtedly you will find yourself face-to-face with very unique situations and people.

I urge you to file these subjective photos into your cerebral albums. In their simplest form they will (at least) be great for social conversation, and who knows what hidden art lies dormant in the hearts and minds of the NSU alumni.

THE WHIPPING POST

by Wes Whipp



Do you like to watch people without them seeing you

Alex Slaughter

Guest Columnist

I was reading an article discussing voyeurism (people watching other people) and it prompted me think.

I'm sure some of you saw the popular movie 'The Truman Show' over the summer. And no, I don't think that this is going to happen anytime soon, but could it happen? Well yeah, of course. Anything is possible.

Think about how obsessed we are with peering into other people's lives. Look at the popularity of television shows such as 'The Real World', 'COPS', 'Candid Camera,' and any talk show that might have hidden cameras as a feature for the day.

Go to any store and count the number of security cameras they have installed. But that's okay, because it's for our 'safety'.

What about hidden cameras in the workplace to improve the working conditions for all of us'?

It happens, guys. Or the satellites in space that are used for 'national security' to spy on other nations? Who knows what they're really looking at?

What was that statistic I heard once, that if you're sitting in your backyard reading a book, the satellite can read the words on the page?

What are we supposed to think about all of these cameras? If we haven't done anything wrong then we have nothing to worry about, right? And I'm SURE that all of you college students out there NEVER do anything wrong. Neither do I.

Even being the perfect little law abiding citizens that we are, do these cameras bother you? Are we all living in some sort of Truman-like world? Has the spying camera made our lives better or worse?

I think that like in all situations, there is some good and some bad to come out of this. Isn't it kind of creepy though, to think that there is the possibility you can be watched twenty-four hours a day and not even know it? What if the presence of cameras only increases in the future?

Will we ever be alone?

A&E

Ultraviolence kills techno

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Ultraviolence
Killing God
Earache Records

The main problem I have with most techno music is that most of it sounds so generic. When you listen to techno you know that you're listening to techno. Ultraviolence attempts to remedy this by adding intermissions of softer music and singing women to break the monotony of their rapidly pulsating drumbeats and sound effects. These breaks are sometimes successful in creating an interesting sound, but it makes me wonder if the group shouldn't write pop songs and just add a few techno breaks.

Probably Ultraviolence's one saving grace is that they're laughable. There seems to be a small, bizarre part of each of us that enjoys bad music or else how would you explain the Spice Girls, New Kids on the Block or the 80s in general? You don't have to deny it or admit it, I've heard you all singing along.

Strangely enough, almost every song on the album is a love song or at least mentions the word love. While this could be an interesting twist, they just weren't very convincing in conveying anything about love with any kind of emotion, making me wonder once again if these guys are in the right field.

If you're into cheesy techno then this album is definitely for you. If you're not sure where to look for it, the insert says, "file under hardcore techno," but you might want to check the bargain bins.

Take a trip to the Furslide

Mike Boyd
Staff Writer

Furslide
Adventure
Virgin

After four years of hitchhiking across America, Jennifer Turner landed in Greenwich Village like a sigh in the dark, like the calm before the storm. Shortly after arriving she joined a local band called Marmalade and later she, bass player Jason Lader and drummer Adam McDougal split off and Furslide was born. It was an immaculate conception of music and emotion.

It's amazing to find such raw talent and such an amazingly clean sound from a newborn, but here it is. When I say amazing I mean I was truly blown away by the depth and scope of this album. The melodies are seductive and dreamy one moment only to grab you and spin your head around with shatters and sparkles of noise the next. If the music wasn't good enough in itself then when you combine it with Turner's enchanting and heart-wrenching vocals, you have a recipe for greatness.

Turner formerly played lead guitar for Natalie Merchant and since then she's only gotten better. She shows off her expertise on track after track while her hypnotic vocals soar and plummet.

Her playing and singing are perfectly complimented by Lader's flowing bass and McDougal's rhythmic drums. Each member of the group holds their own individual sound while merging together to form one whole and wholly wonderful sound.

The album was produced and mixed by Nellee Hooper who has done the same for such greats as U2, Madonna, The Smashing Pumpkins, Garbage , and Bjork. Furslide was the first act signed to Hooper's Meanwhile... Records and in my opinion this album is his best work yet.

Though every song on the album was magnificently crafted and layered, my personal favorite was "Hawaii". Arranged by Craig Armstrong of Massive Attack, this is a deeply beautiful song that weaves a tale about trading safety and comfort for adventure and mystery: "Evening falls on these island skies and soothes the weary into sleeping/ The strangers gather round the fireside while I silently long for the familiar."

Most of the songs on the album are slow with occasional explosions of sound, but there are also a few more upbeat and funk-inspired tracks like "Postcard" and "Today Forever".

Anyone who is familiar with with Portishead or 12 Rounds should definitely look into Furslide. Anyone who isn't familiar has a lot of catching up to do. Furslide is definitely the best new group of artists I've had the pleasure to hear in a long time and I hope they stick around for awhile.

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Snakes, alligators and tadpoles

Scholars' College student spends summer at prestigious ecology lab

Melissa Robertson
Staff Writer

When most people think about alligators,tadpoles and snakes, their skin crawls. But this past summer, dealing with these type of creatures was an everyday situation for John Ray.

John Ray, senior at the Louisiana Scholars' College, attended a prestigious 10-week internship at the Savannah River Ecology Lab in Aiken, S.C., with 14 undergraduates from across the nation. The students did research on numerous reptiles and amphibians including alligators, salamanders and tadpoles.

Ray said his research was primarily on how toxins might cause deformities and how the deformities cause a different swimming performance of bullfrog tadpoles.

"By studying the effects of toxins like pollution on tadpoles, I can make speculations on the general health of that particular population," Ray said. "It's like when you send a canary into a coal mine. If the tests begin showing signs of problems, then you get the hell out."

Ray also believes it is important to study tadpoles because they are at a low level of the food chain.

"Because tadpoles are one of the simpler organisms, our work is at a forefront to learning more about higher levels of organisms," Ray said.

According to Ray, one of the most interesting aspects of the 10-week research session was going "gator hunting" to get DNA and blood samples from the alligators.

"We had to have several classes on how to go out on the lake," Ray said. "Then some of the more experienced students taught us how to sneak up behind alligators. It was strange being around all of those alligators at night, but catching the alligator was a lot of fun."

John Ray demostrates his snake handling abilities.

Ray was first introduced to the field of ecology by Dr. Neil Ford, a herpetologist from the University of Texas.

For several summers, Ray worked with Ford cleaning snake cages, feeding reptiles, and gradually moved his way up to doing actual field work. Ford later recommended Ray for the 10- week research session.

"After I began working with Dr. Ford, my interest with reptiles snowballed," Ray said.

After he graduates, Ray plans to eventually go to graduate school in ecotoxicology, and possible continuing his research at the Savannah site.

"This particular science does not depend on what someone made in genetics as much as what he discovers in his research," Ray said. "The effects of toxins can be subtle. That's one of the main reasons research is so important."

Local folk traditions kept alive in Kyser

Becky Shumake
Staff Writer

The Folklife Center, located in Kyser Hall, offers students and members of the community an opportunity to explore their folk culture.

The center was founded by Dr. Thomas Hatley and Dr. Hiram Gregory in 1976.

Dr. Lisa Abney, assistant professor of English, is currently serving as the center's acting director.

The Folklife Center is a research facility that is open to the public and students pursuing a Master of Arts in English with an emphasis in Folklife-Southern Culture.

NSU is very fortunate to have a facility that is specifically designed for this purpose. According to Abney, very few universities have actual centers dedicated to folklore.

The Folklife Center offers a wide selection of tapes, recordings of folk music, journals, books, folk artifacts and other folk-related materials. There are over 5,000 hours of tape and 5,000 photographs available at the center. The center has information on over 800 folklife artists and subjects. These materials can be checked out on a limited basis.

"We also like for people to come to the Folklife Center and share what they have collected," Abney said.

CNN, CBS Evening News, Louisiana Public Broadcasting and many other groups have used the Folklife Center for research.

One of the most important activities involved with the center is the Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival. The 1999 Festival will be held July 16 and 17 in Prather Coliseum.

The theme for the 1999 festival is a celebration of the colonial French culture in Northern Louisiana. There will be an emphasis placed on the early settlements of Avoylles, Rapides and Natchitoches parishes.

One of the many displays available for viewing in the Folklife Center.

This year's festival will be directed by Hatley and Abney. Activities at the Folk Festival include arts and crafts, food and entertainment.

The Folklife Center is now working on plans for the 1999 Folk Festival activities that are related to Francofete'.

Francofete' will mark Louisiana's 300th Anniversary and will be celebrated throughout 1999.

According to Abney, the center houses the Master Folk Artists Hall of Fame. The hall of fame, which started in 1981, recognizes folk artists of music, dance, storytelling, crafts, food and architecture.

The center has informational packets available for teachers to use in classroom activities. These packets include project ideas and ways to implement Folklore studies into the classroom.

The Folklife Center is planning to begin several community outreach programs. Guest lecturers from other universities will be coming to NSU to speak on folk topics.

The center hopes to start a Regional Folklorist Program within the next six months.

The Regional Folklorist will be responsible for public programming, management of the archives and maintenance of the state folklore database.

According to Abney, students should visit the Folklife Center to get a better sense of what their own folk culture is.

"I think people need to get a grasp of the fact that folklore and folklife are not falsities," Abney said. "They are actual things that we live everyday."

The center is located in Kyser Hal rooml 213. The hours for the center are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The center is open on weekends by appointment.

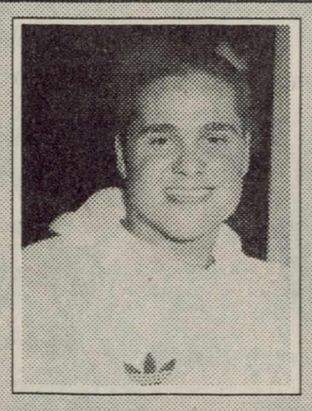
Anyone who would like additional information about the center can contact the Louisiana Folklife Center or Dr. Abney at 357-5670.

Additional information about the center is also available on-line at http://vic.nsula.edu/folklife.

The Folklife Center contains many local artifacts as well as pieces from around the world

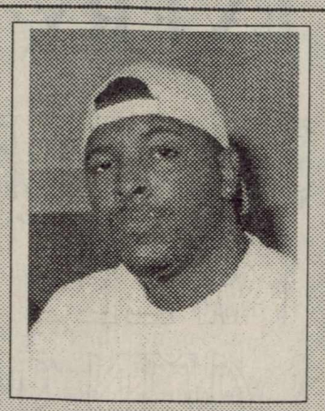
"Current Quotes"

Do you think it is important for students to go to the game against McNeese on Thursday?


"I thinkits very important. the students need to be at the game to hype up th team and we're goimg to be on T.V. It will look good to pack the stadium with fans."
William O'Neal
Freshman

"Yeah, the team needs support. we're playing a highly ranked team and the Demons need the support of the students."
Tara Ragsdale
Sophomore

"I think it is very important. NSU has a reputation for being a suitcase college. Students need to support our team which has so much talent. SGA is giving out 1,000 free pom-pons."
Angelique Duhon
Junior


"Yes, we need to show spirit to let McNeese know that we are going to beat the hell out of them."
Andre` Gipson
Senior

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Run-off candidates for Mr. NSU

David Deggs

Organizations:
Student Activities Board- president (1997-98); vice president (spring 1997); parliamentarian (fall 1996); special events chairperson (summer 1996); residential representative (spring 1996).
Theta Chi Fraternity, Eta Omicron Chapter- risk manager (1998-99); assistant treasurer/ fund raiser chair (1997-98); public relations chair (spring 1997); new member class president (fall 1996).
Interfraternity Council- rush director (January 1998 to present); secretary (fall 1997); scholarship chair (spring 1996).
The National Order of Omega- pep rally co-chair (fall 1998); Greek Week co-chair (fall 1998).
University Committee Work- committee on organizations (student representative- spring 1997 through spring 1998);University Planning Council Incentives Team (student representative spring 1997); Student Trust Fund Student (SAB representative 1997-98). Potpourri- staff writer (fall 1998).
Accomplishments: Freshman Connector (summer 1997); Students Helping Students (fall 1996, spring 1997, fall 1997); Greek 1010- facilitator (fall 1997); lead facilitator (fall 1998).
Graduate of the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI)- Beta Beta class, Butler University; Indianapolis, IN (June 1997). Southern Greek Leadership Conference- delegate and opening session facilitator; Dallas, TX (February 1998). Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW)- Statesboro, GA (April 1997). National Association of Campus Activities delegate- Houston, TX (fall 1996) and Dallas, TX (fall 1997).
Southwest Region Delegate for Theta Chi National Fraternity Substance Free Housing Task Force (March 1998). Committee member for National L.E.A.D. Resolution on Substance Free Housing (April 1998).
Awards and Honors: NSU Greek Man of the Year (1997-98).
Theta Chi Fraternity Dale A. Slivinskie National Scholarship Recipient (1998-99).
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Alpha Zeta Chapter Beau (1997-98)
NSU Student Activities Board- President's Award (1997-98); Director's Award (1997-98); Outstanding Board Member (1997-98); Outstanding Board Member (1996-97); Oustanding Residential Representative (1995-96); Outstanding Committee Member (1995-96).
American College Unions International Region VIII Scholarship Recipient (1998-99).
Outstanding Young Man of America (1998-99).
NSU Order of Omega Greek of the Month (March 1998).

Korey Keith

Organizations: Kappa Sigma, Interfraternity Council, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Greek Council
Kappa Sigma: President, Treasure, Rush Chairman, Assistant Treasurer, Social Chairman, Awards Chairman, Junior IFC Delegate
IFC: Delegate for Kappa Sigma, President 1997
Awards: Kappa Sigma's Grand Master Star and Crescent Award 1997, Level One Ritual Proficiency
Accomplishments: Volunteer for Students Helping Students, Organized Several Kappa Sigma Road Clean Ups, Assisted in the organization of the Kappa Sigma See-Saw-Athon to raise money for St. Jude's, Assisted in the annual Kappa Sigma Crawfish Boil for 1998, Organized Kappa Sigma's 1997 Founder's Day Banquet, Organized; Kappa Sigma's District 28 Conclave, Delegate for the 1997 Kappa Sigma National Convention in New Orleans, Delegate for Kappa Sigma's 1998 Leader ship Conference, Delegate for the 1997 Kappa Sigma Quad District Conclave, Attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop for Freshman Connection, Assisted with the 1997 Greek Halloween Carnival, Member of the Northwestern St. track team as a pole vaulter, Organized Kappa Sigma's Alumni Reunion for 1998, Participated in IM Sports for Kappa Sigma four years.
Honors:Freshman Connector 1998

Run-off candidates for Ms. NSU

Kathleen Gillian

Organizations and Leadership Positions
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, President 1998
Alumnae Relations Chairman 1997, Service Chairman 1997, Robbie Page memorial Philanthropy Chairman 1996; Triangle Magazine Correspondent 1998, Crew Captain 1995, Panhellenic association, treasurer 1997 Senior Delegate 1996, Junior Delegate 1996
Alternate Delegate 1995, Expansion cochairman 1997
The National order of Omega, President 1997-1998, Secretary 1997; Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society, vice-president 1998; Public Relations Chairman 1997; Student Activities Board, representative-at-Large; 1998 Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society president 1998; Purple Jackets 1997-1998 ; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Organization 1997-1998,Greek Council 1997-1998, Alpha Lamda Delta Freshman Honor Society 1995-1998, Northwestern State University Committees Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee,
Awards And Honors, Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Outstanding National Collegian of the Year 1998 NSU Greek Woman of the Year 1998
Lucile Hendrick Panhellenic Scholarship Recipient 1997 Ann Buchler Williams Scholarship Recipient, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority 1998 Rene Bienvenu Alumni Scholarship Recipient 1998 Northwestern State University Award Scholarship 1994-1996 Gertude Botts Scholarship 1994-1998 Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Junior Scholarship Award 1997
Accomplishments Freshman Connector 1998 Greek 1010 - Facilitator 1997, 1998 Student Helping Students - Orientation Leader 1997 Rho Chi - Rush Counselor 1996, 1997 Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
National Resolutions Committee, Tyson's Corner, VA 1998
National Collegiate Advisory Board Chairman, St. Louis, MI 1998
National Panhellenic Conference Student Delegate, Norfolk, VA 1997
Southeastern Panhellenic Delegate, Atlanta GA 1997

Kelli Rivere

Organizations: Demon Dazzlers Danceline- 1995- present Captain- 1997-98; 1998-99 Co-captain- 1996- 97 Phi Mu Sorority- 1995- present president- 1998 parliamentarian- 1997 ritual chairperson- 1996 standards committee- 1996 Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society (1997- present); Order of Omega (1997- present); Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society (1997- present); Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society (1995- present); Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society (1998- present) secretary 1998; Purple Jackets (1997- present); Greek Council (1998); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (1997- present).
Awards/ Honors:
Phi Mu 4.0 Scholarship Award (fall 1995; fall 1996; spring 1997; spring 1998); Order of Omega Scholarship Award (1995-97); Louisiana Honors Scholarship (1995-97); TOPS Teacher Award (1998); T.H. Harris Scholarship (1995-98).
Accomplishments/ Honors:
Greek 1010 Facilitator (1998); Students Helping Students Peer Orientation Leader (fall 1998); delegate to Phi Mu National Convention (1998);
Parent Connection Straight Talk Panel (1998); Freshman Connection Meet-the-Greeks Panel (1998); Parent Connection Meet-the-Greeks Panel (1998);
All-Greek Alumni Committee (1998); Who's Who Nominee (1998).

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Monday, Nov. 2

5:30 Order of Omega
5:40 Gamma Sigma Alpha
5:50 Greek Council
6:00 Interfraternity Council
6:10 Pan-Hellenic Council
6:20 Panhellenic Council
6:30 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 Kappa Alpha Order
7:10 Kappa Alpha Psi
7:20 Kappa Sigma
7:30 Phi Beta Sigma
7:40 Phi Mu
7:50 Sigma Nu
8:00 Sigma Sigma Sigma
8:10 Tau Kappa Epsilon
8:20 Theta Chi
8:30 Zeta Phi Beta

Tuesday, Nov. 3

5:30 Alpha Eto Rho
5:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
5:40 Alpha Phi Alpha
5:45 American Chemical Society
5:50 BACCHUS / SPADA
5:55 Beta Beta Beta
6:00 Black Student Association
6:05 Blue Key
6:10 Can-Do
6:15 College Democrats
6:20 Current Sauce
6:25 Demon Sweethearts
6:30 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Club
6:35 HMT Association
6:40 International Student Association
6:45 Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers
6:50 Kappa Delta Pi
6:55 Kappa Kappa Psi
7:00 KNWD
7:05 Lambda Association
7:10 NAIT
7:15 Phi Alpha Theta
7:20 Phi Mu Alpha
7:25 PRSSA
7:30 Psi Chi
to
7:35 Rodeo Team
7:40 Rowing Team
7:45 Scholar's College Forum
7:50 Sigma Delta Chi
7:55 Sigma Tau Delta
8:00 Society for Professional Journalists
8:05 Student Activities Board
8:10 Student Alumni Association
8:15 Student Art Society
8:20 Student / Faculty Forum
8:25 Student Personnel Association
8:30 Swamp Demons
8:35 Tau Beta Sigma
8:40 Veterinary Technician Club

Wednesday, Nov. 3

5:30 AIIP
5:35 Animal Health Technicians
5:40 Anthropology Club
5:45 Anthropological Society
5:50 Argus
5:55 Beta Gamma Psi
6:00 Circle K
6:05 Club Geo
6:10 College Republicans
6:15 Der Deutsche Klub
6:20 Diamond Dolls
6:25 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
6:30 Gavel Club
6:35 Images
6:40 International Mass Choir
6:45 Kappa Alpha Omicron Nu
6:50 Kappa Mu Epsilon
6:55 Kapa Omicron Nu
7:00 Knight of the Roundtable Chess Club
7:05 Latter Day Saints Association
7:10 Le Cercle Francais
7:15 Los Amigos
7:20 Mu Epsilon Delta
7:25 National American Student Association
7:30 National Association for Industrial Tech.
7:35 National Broadcast Society
7:40 National Order of Omega
7:45 Non-traditional Student Organization
7:50 Phi Beta Lambda
7:55 Phi Eta Sigma
8:00 Phi Kappa Phi
8:05 Pre-Law Society
8:10 Psychology Club
8:15 Public Affairs Association
8:20 Purple Jackets
8:25 Sigma Alpha Iota
8:30 Society for the Advancement of Management
8:35 Society of Physics Students
8:40 Student Government Association
8:45 Student Theatre Union of NSU

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Sports

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Demons lose tough game to SFA

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

In what looked to be a heavyweight battle for the top between Stephen F. Austin and NSU, give round one to SFA.

The Lady Lumberjacks ended the Demons' 5-game winning streak with a 2-0 win friday afternoon, despite the Demons outshooting SFA 17-10.

" I felt good about the way we played," said Coach Watkins.

The loss puts the Demons at 3-1 inn the conference and 7-4-1 overall.

In what could be described as bad luck for the Demons, two shots, one by Missy Payne, the other by Brittany Cargill, bounced off the crossbar of the goal, leaving the Demons scoreless at the half.

"We had too many missed opportunities," said Watkins.

In what could be described as good luck for the SFA, a shot by SFA's Christine Messner in the first half appeared to have been stopped by the Demons short of the goal line, but the referee ruled that it did cross the plain to give SFA the early 1-0 lead.

Messner then added another goal a little less than five minutes later to give the Lady Lumberjacks their final goal.

" With a team as good as SFA, if you make too many mistakes, they're going to make you pay."

The Demons are now in a 2-way battle with SFA for the top of the SLC standings. SFA is 3-1-2 in the conference but only have two more conference games left.

This may benefit NSU greatly, because NSU still has four conference games. Next week's rematch with SFA in Nagodoches may decide the eventually regular season conference champion.

" Now, we just need to go to their place and steal a win from them."

The Demons play next opponent is Nicholls State on Friday at home. The last time these two met, the Demons handed the Lady Colonels a 6-0 loss on their home turf. After that, the Demons then play McNeese, who have also lost to the Demons.

" We need to rebound and play our style," said Watkins.

" Hopefully we'll do well against McNeese and Nicholls and get some momentum going back to SFA."

More individual honors were given to the Demons this week, as Midfielder Janet Callahan was the third Demon player to be named SLC player of the week. Callahan, a junior transfer from Ole Miss who is known as " Biscuit" by her teammates, has anchored the Demon defense this year, which has allowed only 15 goals this season.

The Pensacola, Fla. native joins Amy Fulkerson and Tiffany Swingler as Demons who have been named SLC player of the week this year.

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Holly Horn (5) tries to keep the ball away from an opponent player as they both moved.

News Bureau

Brittany Cargill (14) hustles for the ball, attempting to beat out the competition.

NSU Weekly Sports events

Tuesday, Oct. 13
NSU VBall @ Southeastern La., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14
NSU VBall @ Nicholls St., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15
NSU Football vs. McNeese St. @ Turpin Stadium, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16
NSU Soccer vs. Nicholls St. @ Demon Complex, 3 p.m.

NSU VBall vs. SW Texas @ Prather Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17
NSU CC @ McNeese St., 9 a.m.

NSU vs. Tex.-San Antonio @ Prather Coliseum, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18
NSU Soccer vs. Southeastern

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physically, at our home invitational, but, even, that can't stop me from helping my team out.

These guys are awesome and they need me, so after this week finishes and some good rest, I will be ready to roll."

Nicholls State University who placed 2nd teamwise this past Monday, has, always, had one really decent runner for their team, but I don't think the whole team will be a problem for the Demons this weekend, either. ,

"I am ready. I have began to get back what I am here to do, and that is running. We are preparing ourselves physically, and I think this weekend will be really fun and exciting to compete or watch," said Robert McCormack.

Saturday, October 17th will bring out the top athletes and teams in Louisiana, and the Demons are excited and ready to compete.

Sports

Sports Office 357-5384

Volleyball continues struggle

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The NSU Volleyball team continued its roller coaster season this past week with road matches at Northeast Louisiana, Stephen F. Austin, and McNeese State.

The Demons have played 14 matches on the road, having played only two matches at Prather Coliseum.

The week began last Tuesday with a match against conference rival NLU in Monroe.

Leading early, the Demons lost both the first and second games by a count of 15-12. NLU stormed out to a quick start in the third game, taking it and the match, 15-12, 15-12, 15-4.

The Demons received a great effort in defeat from Kia Converse. Converse led the Demons with 14 kills and had a .314 hitting percentage. She also added 9 digs and two service aces as well.

Missy Krause contributed 27 assists and led the Demons with 12 digs.

Freshman Lisa Abner had a great showing, chipping in 5 kills and 6 digs in the losing effort.

The Demons then took their game to Texas this past weekend with a Friday night matchup with conference powerhouse Stephen F. Austin.

The Demons played well, but were unable to overcome the outstanding hitting percentages of the Ladyjacks, falling in three, 15-11, 15-5, 15-2.

The Demons hit .128 for the match, but SFA countered with a .407 mark of its own.

For the Demons, Converse again led the team in kills with 9 and digs with 11.

April Addeo contributed 6 kills, and Missy Krause added 21 assists and 11 digs of her own.

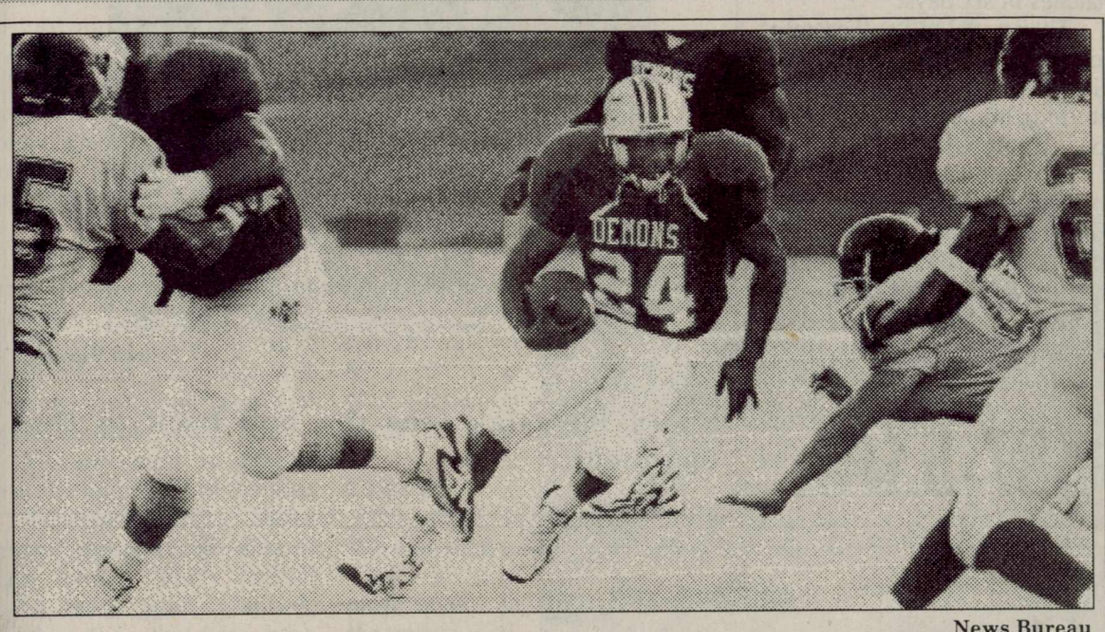
Saturday night the Demons traveled to face conference foe McNeese State.

The Demons were unable to overcome McNeese's strong start in the first game.

However, the Demons were able to recover, playing well but falling short in a highly competitive game 2. The Demons showed a great effort in the losing cause, dropping the match to McNeese, 15-3, 17-15, 15-7.

The Demons again were led by Converse who had 15 kills.

Freshman Lisa Abner had an outstanding match, recording 12 kills and 14 digs. Sondra Lima led the team with 15 digs, and Lori Dyer chipped in 12 digs of her own. Missy Krause totaled 37 assists for the match.



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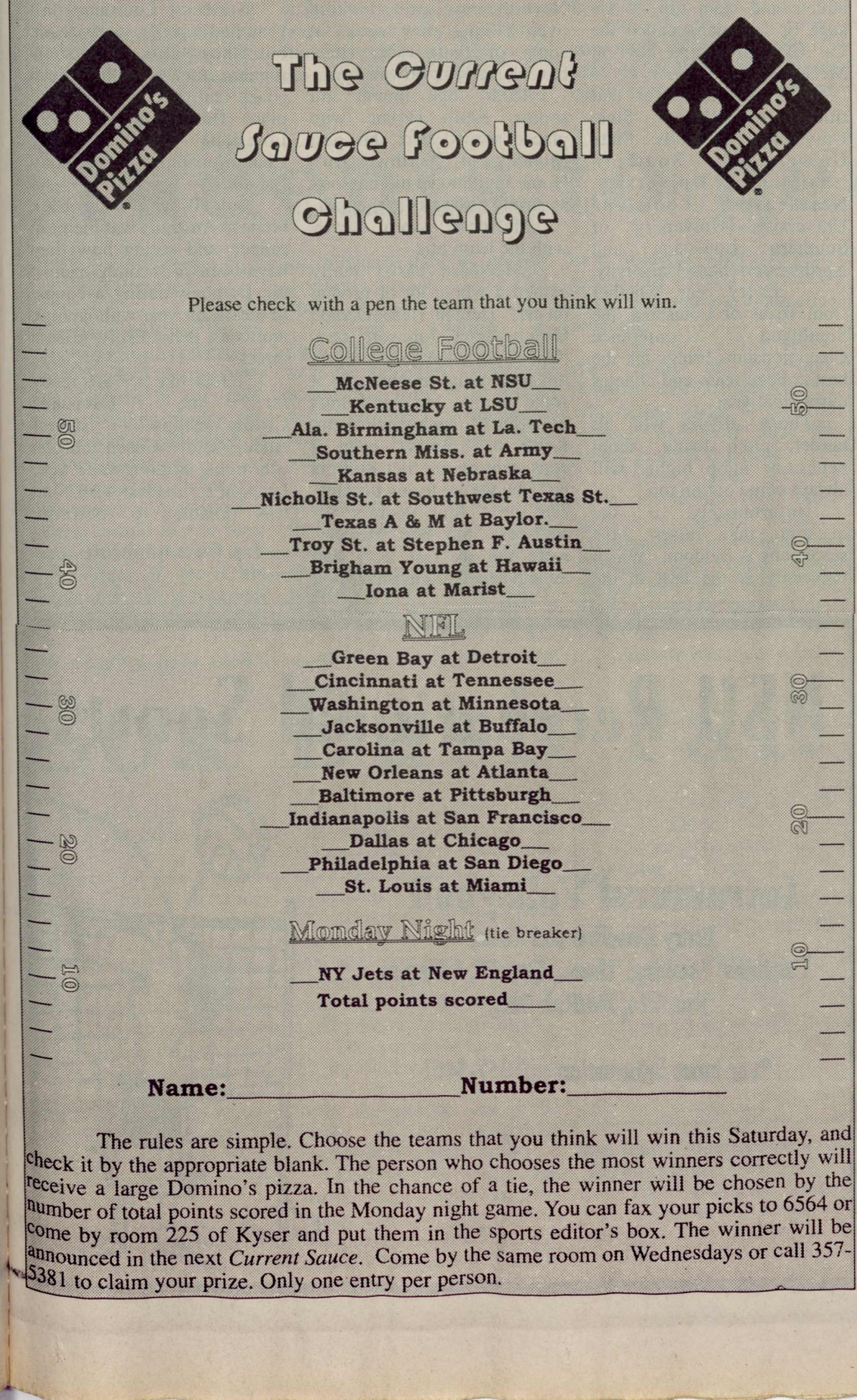
Ronnie Powell will be one of many great athlete company in this Thursday night's game against McNeese.

It's a tie. Scotty Williams and Edward Parks both missed four this week It all depends on who wins the Monday night game. One of these lucky winners will get two free tickets to Thursday's game against conference and in-state rival McNeese State. You lucky dogs.



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The Current Sauce Football Challenge

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___Ala. Birmingham at La. Tech___
___Southern Miss. at Army___
___Kansas at Nebraska___
___Nicholls St. at Southwest Texas St.___
___Texas A & M at Baylor.___
___Troy St. at Stephen F. Austin___
___Brigham Young at Hawaii___
___Iona at Marist___

NFL

___Green Bay at Detroit___
___Cincinnati at Tennessee___
___Washington at Minnesota___
___Jacksonville at Buffalo___
___Carolina at Tampa Bay___
___New Orleans at Atlanta___
___Baltimore at Pittsburgh___
___Indianapolis at San Francisco___
___Dallas at Chicago___
___Philadelphia at San Diego___
___St. Louis at Miami___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___NY Jets at New England___
Total points scored____

Name:_____Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

Demons hold own at NSU Meet

Terry Kilgore
Manager Editor

Junior Chante' Dailey led the Northwestern State women with a fifth-place finish and Mark Keough paced the men but McNeese State swept the team titles Monday at the NSU Invitational cross country meet.

Eleven teams competed in men's and women's races at the hilly Demon Hills Golf Course, with McNeese dominating the men's division and holding off Southeastern Louisiana and Northwestern in the women's race.

The Cowboys scored 25 points in the men's race to 64 for Nicholls, 72 for Sam Houston and 131 by Northwestern. Following were Lamar (154), Southern Arkansas (163), Northeast Louisiana (170), Grambling (197) and Southeastern (240), with USL and Wiley College not finishing five runners and failing to score.

In the men's division, Nicholls State's Kevin Zweezdaryk blew away the field with a 26:28 time over the 8,000-meter track. Keith Dolan of McNeese was second at 27:08, 40 seconds back.

Keough was the top Northwestern runner, finishing 15th in 28:09, seven seconds ahead of teammate Chris Baker one place back.

Other scorers for Northwestern were Robert McCormack (24th, 28:59), Hector Andujo (37th, 29:47) and Todd Boddie (39th, 29:50). Also running for NSU but failing to score were Robert Deramus (47th, 30:29) and Kyle Thomas (67th, 34:05.)

"We did okay," Keough said. "We were a little fatigued from the workouts of the week before. Hector, our #1 runner, was sick from a virus that I had earlier in the week. He fell back from the start and shut down."

Keough said the humidity took its toll on the Demons in the meet.

"I felt okay," Keough said. "Mentally, I could have been better. It was real humid and some guys were wearing down, but it felt pretty good."

Keough feels the team will be stronger as they move towards the Louisiana Southern Championships.

"As a team, we did alright," Keough said. "We really look good this week, and we have had a tough week of workouts. We have been pushing real hard, because the Louisiana Southern Championships is something we have really been looking forward to."

In the women's race, McNeese scored 45, followed by SLU (63), Northwestern (76), Sam Houston (82, Northeast (85), Lamar (160), Southern Arkansas (165), Grambling (187), Nicholls (235) and non-scoring entries from USL and Wiley.

McNeese had the top three women's finishers, led by Sarah Salmon, who covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:26. Northwestern's Dailey ran 19:45 for fifth while Christal Traylor was 10th in 20:07 and Jody Gowdy 11th in 20:10 for the Lady Demons.

Student Athlete of the Week

Mark Keough
Cross Country

The junior runner recorded Northwestern State highest finish at the NSU Invitational last week. Keough ran the 8K race in 28:09 on the same course the Southland Conference Championships will be run on in November.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 15
6 p.m. vs. McNeese

Student Athlete of the Week

Missy Krause
Volleyball

The sophomore setter recorded 52 assists in the game this past weekend. Along with her assists, Krause also tallied 5 kills against Troy State and 4 kills against Lamar. The Demons move their overall record to 2-16 overall.

Upcoming Home Contests
October 16
7p.m. vs. SW Texas

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Demons have impressive outings

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The NSU Volleyball Team finally came home. They got to see Prather Coliseum for only the third and fourth time this past week, after having played 14 of 16 previous matches on the road.

The Demons squared off against conference rival Lamar on Friday night. It was a match that saw the Demons start slow and proved difficult to ever find the rhythm in a 15-6, 15-6, 15-2 loss at the hands of the Lady Cardinals.

The Demons gave a good effort, however the percentages were against them on that night, as they hit only .105 as a team. Lamar hit .405.

However, there were some bright spots as well. Freshman Lisa Abner continues to play well, leading the Demons with 8 kills and 5 digs.

Abner has been very consistent since returning to the lineup after missing the first part of the season due to nagging injuries.

Missy Krause added 4 kills and 17 assists, while Jessica Smith chipped in 8 digs.

On Saturday afternoon, which concluded Parents' Weekend, the fans at Prather saw a heck of a match against non-conference rival Troy State.

The Demons looked sharp in almost all facets. However, service errors proved to seal the Demons' fate, as they committed 6 in the third game, en route to a tough, hard-fought 6-15, 15-10, 17-15, 15-13 loss.

The Demons led in each of the first three games but had a tough time putting the games away.

"We're a very young team, and our serves weren't real good," head coach Mary DeJute said. "But when you get a team down, you've got to finish, and that is what hurt us,"

"We pushed more and had better concentration today, but it seemed like we ran out of gas at the same time," Abner said.

The Demons were led by Kia Converse with 13 kills and 12 digs, while Lisa Abner added 10 kills and 8 digs.

Jessica Smith poured in 13 digs herself, and Krause added 35 assists. But the Demons got great all around contributions as well in a solid team effort.

April Addeo had 8 kills and Kim Hand chipped in 7 of her own.

"April did a wonderful job taking control on the slides; Missy did well, and Kia made some things happen out there. April and Kim did well in the middle also," DeJute said.

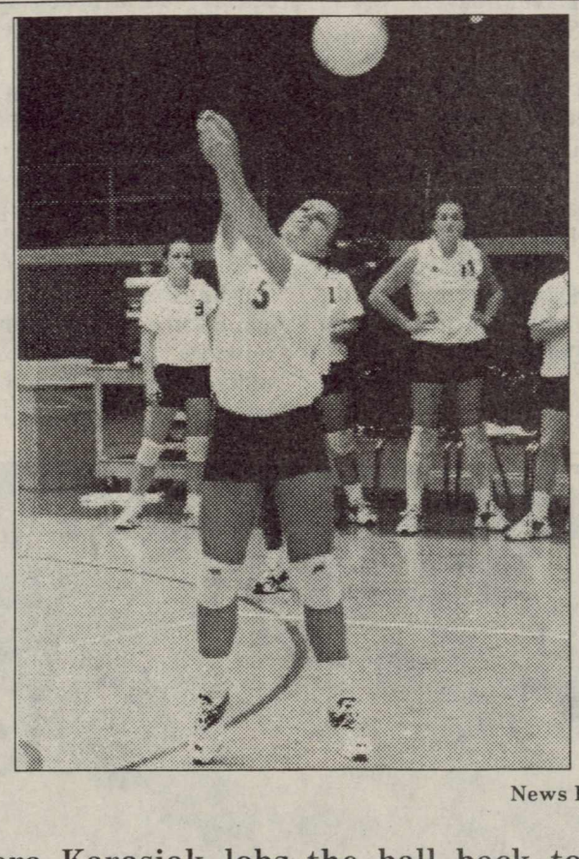
"We didn't have a good night Friday and today we came out with a lot more fire," Kia Converse, outside hitter, said. "We played hard and played pretty well, but we let up at times, and it didn't help missing a lot of serves. We killed ourselves.....we let the game slip away."

"This was the first time we've played really well as a team," April Addeo said. "We were all on the same page and we played hard."

The Demons next face a tough stretch, playing four matches in six days.

They travel to Southeastern Louisiana on Tuesday and face Nicholls on Wednesday before returning home this weekend to host Southwest Texas and UT-San Antonio.

The Demons face Southwest Texas at 7:00 p.m. this Friday at Prather Coliseum, and, they will do battle with UTSA at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.



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Shera Karasiak lobs the ball back to the opponent.

Wanted: Writers. Call 357-5456 or 357-5381.

Senior phenom to go to East-West Shrine Bowl

Sports Information

Northwestern State senior defensive end Robert Daniel has been invited to join many of the country's top collegiate seniors in the 74th Annual East-West Shrine Bowl all-star football game Jan. 16, 1999, at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, Calif.

Daniel received his invitation this week from Vic Rowen, co-chairman of the player selection committee for the nation's oldest college football all-star game.

The Demons, 4-1 after last week's 35-14 loss to major college power Missouri, have this weekend off.

They play host to fellow Southland Football League co-champion McNeese State next Thursday, Oct. 15, in what most are calling "the game of the year" in the conference.

The East-West Shrine Bowl annually features most of the country's top NFL Draft prospects. Daniel (6-6, 273) has been regarded as part of that highly-touted group since early this summer.

He has lived up to billing so far, helping the Demons to a No. 8 national ranking in Division I-AA. He has 25 tackles, including five for negative yardage, accounting for 22 yards in losses by opponents. That figure includes three quarterback sacks, which shares the team lead.

Daniel has been a key member of the record-setting Purple Swarm defense, which ranks among the nation's best in I-AA.

"Robert will be a great representative of Northwestern and our football program," veteran Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. "He works at least as hard as anyone, and he is a very talented and team-oriented player. We're happy for him to have this opportunity."

The native of Dallas and product of Spruce High School, who played only one season of prep football, has added 15 pounds and improved his 40-yard dash time to 4.88 since recovering from reconstructive knee surgery last fall.

He was the only Division I-AA defensive player included on a 93-man Preseason All-America team for major college football chosen by ABC-TV analyst Bob Griese.

The Sporting News, in its Aug. 17 edition, called Daniel one of six little-known top prospects for the NFL Draft, and labeled him the best defensive player in Division I-AA along with the division's top pro prospect.

Cross country preps for McNeese invite

Mark Keough
Staff Reporter

Louisiana formed a Division I Collegiate X-Country Championship race that would determine that harder working, faster and more deserving individual athlete and team title in the state of Louisiana called the La. Championships held at McNeese St.

The candidates for that title are McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southern Louisiana University, Northeast Louisiana University, University of Southern Louisiana and Northwestern State University.

Every year, whether from Texas or Louisiana, the Southland Conference Championships brings out the best college team and athletes during that year.

Those athletes who hit harder, pitch faster, shoot better, or jump higher will always come out on top.

Unfortunately, the question that raises most suspicions is, seldom, "Which university is the best in the conference," but "Which university is the best in the state?"

McNeese State University, one of the Southland Conference top ranked teams, has had a pretty strong athletic program throughout the years, including Cross Country. Nevertheless, after looking over the past few weeks at some of their races, they haven't really improved any.

Their top runner and senior, Keith Dolan, who placed second here this past Monday at Northwestern's Home Invitational did not look as strong as he has in the past.

McNeese swept away with the team title.

"McNeese hasn't really gained a whole lot of ground on us," Demon Head Demon Coach Leon Johnson said. "They lost some good runners this past spring, and brought in some recruits, but I still don't see why we can't catch them. Keith has always been a consistent runner, but Keith is not who we are trying to catch. The next four scorers for McNeese, this past Monday, were not as fast as I had anticipated. Our guys have not, yet raced to their abilities, and looking at some of our workouts we have done, we should be right with McNeese. It has been along time since I have coached such an outstanding group of talented and dedicated runners. I expect these guys to go along ways."

Northeast Louisiana, last year, had a pretty sturdy team, but they also lost some runners, including their head coach and, last years, second place finisher at the 1997 Louisiana Cross Country Championships, Anthony Liddell.

Liddell who went back home to Australia was their top runner, and seeing how they have been performing against the Demons, during a couple of meets this year without him, Northeast is not likely, to be a threat.

"I feel like we are ready for the Louisiana Championships," Hector Andujo said. " Coach Johnson is bringing us along quite well. I caught a virus last week, and was unable to perform,

See **La. Championship...** page 12

NSU Recreational

Intramural Badminton
Wed., Oct. 14, 5:00 p.m.
IM Gym (4 per team)

*For more information call 357-5461

NSU Recreational Sports

Intramural Volleyball
Entry Deadline and Team
Captains' Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 15, 4:00 p.m.
Rm. 114, IM/Reb Bldg

*For more information call 357-5461

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Homecoming Week, Hunnie!

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Homecoming Week is in full swing with several activities planned for everyone.

This year's Homecoming theme, "Spirits Rise With Demon Pride," is meant to coincide with Halloween, which happens to fall on game day.

While the highlight of Homecoming Week will be Saturday's football game against Troy State, several student-related activities will take place throughout as a way to make students' spirits rise.

"Homecoming is always one of the highlights of the year at Northwestern," Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs, said. "Many special events have been planned, including some that have been revived to make homecoming more memorable for everyone who attends."

A blood drive was held Monday and will continue through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union.

Several organizations competed Monday night in the Lip Sync Contest, sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Groups performed their musical acts in front of a panel of judges. First place went to Sigma Sigma Sigma; second place went to Phi Mu; and third place went to Alpha Omicron Pi.

The annual Homecoming Hunnie Contest was also held Monday evening to determine who would reign as Homecoming Queen during this year's festivities. This year's Homecoming Court chose Kenny LeBaron as the winner of the contest.

The Student Government Association and Student Activities Board will sponsor a Homecoming Court reception at 7 p.m. today in the Student Union Ballroom.

The volleyball team will play Northeastern State University today at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

On Wednesday, students can participate in the mud tug-of-war and mud volleyball at 2 p.m. on Tarlton Drive Field.

A Retirees Reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Alumni Center. The reception will be by invitation only.

An organizational Homecoming expo will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Student Union lobby. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the 100-plus student organizations active at the university.

A Steen and Starnes gathering will be held at 6 p.m. at the Shriner's Club for N-Club members only.

"Scream 2" will be shown as a drive-in movie at 8 p.m. Thursday in Turpin Stadium if weather permits. In the event of rain, the movie will be shown in the Student Union Ballroom instead.

Photo by Benjamin Scroggs

Homecoming Hunnie, Kenny LeBaron, gives a kiss to Angelique Duhon and simultaneously drives the girls wild during his winning performance as part of Homecoming Week festivities.

A Greek Carnival will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Ryan Scofield, president of the Student Activities Board, said that Homecoming will be more meaningful if all students participate in this week's activities.

"Homecoming is very important at Northwestern," Scofield said. "We want as many students as possible to participate in all the activities and get excited about Saturday's game."

Friday's activities will be used to get students, as well as the Natchitoches community, excited about the football game. The Homecoming Court will be painting cars with shoe polish at 11 a.m. in front of the Student Union.

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and roll through campus and into downtown Natchitoches and will end at the downtown riverbank. Organizations will be entering floats in the parade, and the spirit groups will be on hand to provide entertainment to the crowd.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association board of directors will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall.

The Homecoming Golf Tournament and Lunch will tee off at 11 a.m. Friday at the Robert W. Wilson Sr. Recreation Complex. The golf scramble is $35, which includes lunch.

The Alumni Association board, the NSU Foundation board, recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards and inductees into the University's Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, will be honored at a reception at 5:45 p.m. Friday at the Alumni Center.

The annual Homecoming banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The banquet will honor Long Purple Line recipients, Excellence in Teaching Award recipients and N-Club inductees. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at the Alumni Center or by calling (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

The volleyball team will play McNeese State University at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

Saturday's events begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Ledet Track Complex with the 5K "Run for Richard." The cost is $15, which includes a T-shirt, game ticket and a barbecue dinner. Reservations are required.

The Ladies Bingo Brunch, which features a New Orleans-style brunch, will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Recreation Complex. The cost is $15 per person, and reservations are required.

The N-Club induction ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Purple and White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse. Tailgating will begin at 11 a.m. near the fieldhouse with musical entertainment provided by Kip Sonnier and Hurricane.

Class, groups and N-Club reunions will be held from 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. at the tailgating field.

The Demons will take on Troy State at 2 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

Following the game, the N-Club, band alumni, Homecoming Court and former Homecoming Court members will each have receptions.

"Boogie on the Bricks" will begin at approximately 5 p.m. on Front Street for music, food and drinks.

For more information about this week's activities, call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

To make reservations for the "Run for Richard," call (318) 357-5251.

Students to get free tutoring

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

Approximately half of the University's students picked up midterm grades. Some have received letters in the mail warning of failing grades and offering possible assistance to bring those grades up.

The Registrars' Office will conduct a survey to determine if students would like to have midterm grades sent to their local addresses. If one is not available, then the grades will be sent to a students' permanent address.

"We don't want to make a major change until we get the students' opinions," Lillie Bell Frasier, Registrar, said.

Anyone wanting to participate in the survey needs to go the Registrars' Office and complete a form. The results will determine how midterms will be distributed next semester.

Other Louisiana universities do not send out midterm grades except to first-time students with failing grades. Those students are then required to attend counseling to help improve their grades.

The University has developed a similar program to help students improve their grades after the first four weeks of the semester and again after midterms.

After the first four weeks, the Office of Academic Advising sent letters to students with failing grades. Over 1,100 students had more than one failing grade at that time.

"These grades were a wake-up call for most students," Sandra Mixon, coordinator of academic advising, said. "They don't realize that they are doing badly when they are only four weeks into the semester."

Students receiving a letter are required to meet with the counselor assigned to them. A students who does not make an appointment to see his counselor will not be allowed to register early.

The counseling sessions were designed to determine the cause of a student's low performance and find a solution to the problem.

Tutors are also available to those students who had failing or low grades at midterm.

Tutoring is free to all students who comply with the rules of the Office of Academic Advising. One of those rules requires that students sign a contract agreeing to attend study hall sessions.

If a student does not want to get a tutor from academic advising, he can go to the Office of Student Support Services to apply for a tutor.

Students who absolutely can not bring up their grades are advised to seriously consider dropping classes if a scholarship or financial aid is in jeopardy of being lost.

However, if a student thinks that his grades can be pulled up, he is advised to seek tutoring from one of the services available on campus.

The overall program will be evaluated at the end of the year to determine if it has helped students both stay in class and improve their grades.

Students who did not pick up their midterm grades will have to see their instructors to get them because the Registrars' Office does not keep them on record.

The grades that are not picked up by the deadline are shredded for confidentiality purposes.

Interested students can call either 357-5901 or 357-6488 to set up appointments with a tutor.

Box Bash ran short on cash

Shawn T. Hornsby
News Editor

Efforts by the *Current Sauce* have turned up money from a fundraiser for band fraternities.

On Thursday, September 3, 1998, the "Bash at the Box" fundraiser was held to benefit the four greek organizations within the music department.

The event was created by Corwyn Aldredge, owner of The Press Box, and Rodney Harrington, a lawyer in Natchitoches and leader of the band, Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs.

"We approached (NSU Band Director) Bill Brent and told him that if the event made money, we would like to give it to the band," Harrington said. "He said he appreciated it, but the music fraternities would be more likely candidates for such a donation."

According to Harrington, the fraternities were to receive the net proceeds from the concert and half of all advance ticket sales. All the fraternities had to do was to sell tickets.

The cost of the tickets was $2 for students and $5 for the general public. The money from the tickets was to be payed to the fraternities regardless of a profit or loss.

Despite the fact that participating bands, such as Chain and the Bill O'Conn band, performed at a fraction of their normal fee and overhead was kept to a minimum, Harrington claims that the event was a loss.

On the other hand, Lance Thompson of Chain estimates that nearly 300 people were at The Press Box.

> "I can't even get the money back out of Mr. Harrington, who will not even return my calls. I called him three times last week."
>
> Bill Brent
> Director of Bands

"They definetly raised some major bucks," Thompson said.

The fraternities should have received half of the money from the advance ticket sales. As of Friday, October 23, 1998,--over a month and a half after the event--no money had been presented to the fraternities.

"I can't even get the money back out of Mr. Harrington, who will not even return my calls," Bill Brent, director of bands and Head of the Creative and Performing Arts Department, said. "I called him three times last week."

Harrington claimed yesterday that the fraternities had received their money.

"The proceeds went to the NSU band, the marching band," Harrington said as late as yesterday.

According to Harrington, he was the one who knew the most about the money. Aldredge did not handle the money from the ticket sales.

After investigation from the *Current Sauce,* Harrington, sent a fax to the newspaper office. The fax said the fraternities would receive their money. A specific amount was not disclosed.

"... in order to insure they received a significant amount, a decision was then made by the organizers to double the amount previously agreed to be paid to the band/fraternities, and give them the entirety of the proceeds they collected," according to the fax received from Harrington.

Although a specific amount was not given, Harrington estimated the fraternities may receive up to $188. Approximately $1347 was collected on the evening, which went to pay the bands and cover overhead.

Harrington said that the money would be delivered on Monday afternoon. However, as of print time, the money still had not been presented to the fraternities.

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Campus Connections

Teddy Bear Week: A social work class, consisting of Brittany Bono, Joanna Bradford, Kelli Rabalais, Marla Sawrie, Kristen Norfleet and Anne Long, will sponsor "Teddy Bear Week" Nov. 2-6. Stuffed animals will be given to pediatric patients at the LSU Medical center in Shreveport and Huey P. Long Hospital in Pineville. Organizations that are interested in donating stuffed animals should deliver them to the President's Room on the second floor of the Student Union on Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The stuffed animals should be placed in either boxes or bags and labeled with your organization or business name. Prizes will be given to the winners of the contest. For more information, call (318) 356-0203 or (318) 356-9300.

Delta Sigma Theta: will sponsor a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar with guest speaker Dr. Phyllis Wells on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union.

Wanted Freshmen Connectors: Applications are available in Student Union 103 and are due Wednesday. For more information call 357-5559.

Registrars Office: Advance registration will be held from November 2-20.

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Anthropology Club: Meeting today at 3 p.m. in the archaeology lab, room 212 Kyser.

Rowing: The NSU Rowing team's Fall 1998 race schedule: November 7--Lake Charles, State Championship Regatta: NSU, Centenary, Tulane, and Loyola; November 14--Championship Rowing Marathon--attended by as many as 300 participants from all over the nation; November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

The International Student Organization: Please bring recipes for the International Food Fair which will be held on Nov. 18 in Iberville. For information, call 354-2381 and ask for Diter.

Blood Drive: Today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside of the Student Union.

Drive-In Movie: *Scream* will be shown at Turpin Stadium Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Sigma Sigma Sigma: It's Homecoming week Sigmas! Congratulations to our awesome court- Andi Airhart, Tammy Bordelon, Kathleen Gillian, Camile Nunez and Emily Tracy. We are so proud of all of you. We need all of our super Sigma spirit at the pep rally Friday. Family Day is Sunday. Greek Week was a great success. Thanks for all of your participation. Everyone needs to get pumped up this week. Make this week a great one!

Alpha Omicron Pi: I hope all of you Alphas enjoyed your fall break. Thanksfor all the great work everyone put into Greek Week, and congratulations for all of those victorious events. Don't forget Initiation has been moved to November 7. Congratulations girls! You have all bloomed into the most beautiful of roses! Roses to the new Alpha A's and Alpha B's: Kristy Pesnell, Melissa Tribble, Kathryn Richards, Keisha Savoy and Kim Pratt (Alpha A's); Lori Cashio, Jessica Alligood, Megan Gordan, Alexa Bush and Nicole Laborde (Alpha B's). Congratulations on expanding your minds into the outer limits! Thought for the week: Our bond of sisterhood gives us the strength to handle both prosperity and adversity. Alpha Love and Roses!

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Students getting ready for return of "News 22"

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students will see some technical changes during the premiere of "News 22" on NSU Channel 22.

Sherlynn Byrd, director of NSU Channel 22, said that the first newscast of the fall semester could air as early as Thursday at 3:30 p.m. but no later than Monday. The show has been delayed for several months while asbestos was being removed from Studio A.

When the show airs, viewers will notice two technical additions to the newscast. Crew members now have use of an abekas machine, which creates graphics on the television screen next to the on-air talent. Also, a radar system has been added to give viewers live, up-to-date weather reports.

"Our production technology has greatly improved," Stephanie Danby, sophomore journalism major, said. "We're going to look more like a professional newscast."

Approximately 20 students spent last week rehearsing for the show's premiere. Mock newscasts helped students become familiar with standard operating procedures. Byrd said the students needed extra practice this year so they could adjust to using the new equipment.

This year's news crew is mix of both new and experienced students.

"['News 22' is] really quite enjoyable," Jay Lyles, freshman journalism major, said. "It's like a breath of crisp, cold mountain air on the morning after a 20K run."

Students should be able to produce newscasts for the next five weeks. Even though the semester's newscasts were cut short because of the asbestos removal, Byrd said the next few weeks will be enough to give the students a good feel of what a live newscast should be.

"It's enough time to be fun and get their feet wet," Byrd said. "This will help them have a strong start next semester."

Besides "News 22," NSU Channel 22 will offer other University-related programs. University sporting events will be aired, including football, volleyball and soccer. Another program will be "NSU Today," which is a 30-minute program designed to inform students about campus events.

This year, the show will be hosted by Farrah Reyna, senior journalism major, and produced by Matthew Thompson, junior journalism major.

"We're trying to make it more student-oriented," Byrd said.

A programming schedule for NSU Channel 22 can be found on both channels 21 and 22.

New bill to shed light on campus crime incidents

Philip G. Wise
Editor-in-Chief

The legislation reauthorizing the Higher Education Act will have a major impact on campuses across the nation.

The signing of the bill early in October by President Clinton will allow greater access to information regarding criminal incidents on campus.

The most significant provision in the new law is the requirement that all colleges and universities must now create and maintain a log of criminal incidents reported to their campus police or security department and make that log open to the public.

The provision states that log entries must include the nature, date, time, general location and deposition of each complaint, and they must be available within two business days of the date that the report was made to the department.

In addition, any new information about the incident that is subsequently uncovered must be added to the report within two business days after it becomes available.

The provision will allow campus officials to withhold information if it would jeopardize an investigation; however the school must provide "clear and convincing" evidence that the release of the information would have that result. (Sec. 486(e), pages 170-171.)

The 1990 Campus Security Act, which requires schools to report crime statistics for the previous calendar year by September 1 of each year, was also amended to require more information be reported.

The new law would require schools to add two new categories of crime statistics to those that must be released: manslaughter and arson.

Failure to provide information according to the new bill may result in penalties of up to 25,000 per violation.

The Department of Education is required to report to Congress those institutions that are found in noncompliance.

By the bill being adopted, students and others will have acess to information thay might need for crime prevention. This could lead to safer campuses, or at least students with more awareness, nationwide.

Four days to drop with "W"

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

Students only have four more days, including today, to drop classes with a "W," or "withdraw," in their transcripts. Dropping a class with a "W" does not affect a student's GPA. However, if a student waits until after Friday, a "W" plus the midterm grade will be earned.

The midterm grade will also be averaged into the GPA. Between 350-450 students are expected to drop classes before Friday. Students need to go to the Registrars' Office to officially drop. The office will stop accepting drop cards at 4:30 p.m.

SGA Minutes

SGA Minutes from 10-12-98

Special Orders:

- Julie Owen, Darren Drago, and Tony Tureau--asked SGA to continue to support the support the football games, especially the McNeese game, and wear purple to the game.
- Luke swore in new members
- Crew Team Budget Report:
  -Gave out packets containing letters and outline of budget
  -Motion to approve buudget. Passed.

Treasurer:

- I will have budgets on the 1st and 3 rd meeting of every month.
- Last year we spent $4800.00 on Freshman Connection Shirts

Vice President:

- Breakfast with president tomorrow at 7:25 in Iberville. We still need four more people.
- Resource Allocation report from Paul Rome:
  - They ant forms to be more specific
  - If you see changes that should be made, contact Pat Pierson
  - They also want you to switch from two cycles to one cycle
- Social Work Project. They askedus to donate a stuffed animal to the Huey P. Long Hospital in November
- Greg Burke wants all organizations to sponsor 80 tickets for kids to go to the last home game. the tickets will be $2.00 each.

President

- Bills on the table are FA98-004 to FA98-007
- Dr. Seymour refursed to sign bill number FA98-001; asked JaJuan to explain the three points against the bill.
- Greg's request wll be submitted to the Supreme Court
- Traffic & Safety - 2 p.m. - Room 221 - Representatives please be there
- Who's Who Committee - Caron Chester, JaJuan Allen, Melissa Shields
- Volunteers for Constitutional By-laws Review:
- Meet the Senator Day. I talked with Aramark about giving free pizza and we buy the punch. Need to approve $100 for the punch.
- Election Committee - Mr/Miss NSU Board needs to be ready for Wednesday.
- We need to update homepage.
- We received preliminary program for the IM building
- We will advertise for Student Council for IM next week
- Homecoming Packet. We need volunteers for banner contest and float.
- Money request for Greek Carnival.

Internal Affairs

- Review of legislative process
- Constitution sub-committee

External Affairs

- Meet the Representative Day will be on Monday October 26, 1998 from 11-2 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby. Please volunteer.
- Turn in your senator profiles.
- All Committee chairs need to also turn in a list of your projects and members and non-SGA members.

SAB

- Wednesday @ 7 p.m. Spensers magical act will be in the Ballroom of the Student Union.

Student Affairs

- Wrote a bill concering T-shirts.
- Traffic and Appeals had a 3-hour meeting today.
- Traffic and Safety meets tomorrow.
- There is a change in the appeal process for tickets. Students who are appealing are no longer required to be present when we review tickets.

Elections Committee

- Thanks for your help. Things went very smoothly
- We request that you no longer wear letters at the polls.
- Please sign up to work polls.
- Good job on election counting.

Old Business

- Bill FA98-004 - Motion to approve Bill. Passed.
- Bill FA98-005 - Motion to approve Bill. Passed.
- Bill FA98-006 - Motion to approve Bill.
  - Discussion
  - Bill passes
- Bill FA98-007 - Motion to approve Bill.
  - Discussion
  - Bill passes.

New Business

- Larry Collins volunteered to paint "the box" as a gesture of good will from the SAB
- SAB Budget. Reviewed by SAB Parliamentarian Ursula Newman. Motion to approve budget. Passes.
- Next meeting will be cancelled because of Fall Break. Office hours for next week will be reduced to 2 hours instead of 3.
- Homecoming Hunnie Nominations
- The week of Homecoming meeting will be held @ 6 p.m.

News

Boozman kitchen closed due to filth; residents & R.A.s at odds over issue

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

Resident assistants in Boozman Hall have closed the kitchens located in the dorm twice this semester due to the unclean conditions left by residents.

"Whenever the kitchen needs to be closed, the resident assistants have the authority to close it and then inform the other R.A.s" Rashunda Simms, a lead RA in Boozman, said.

As of last year, the Boozman staff has adopted a policy that filthy kitchens may be closed for one-week intervals.

"We don't have to hold a meeting to close the kitchens," Simms said. "That is not a part of our rules. The Boozman staff considers these messes to be health issues because that is where the pests are going to come."

Simms pointed out that many residents complained of roaches, crickets and other bugs.

"They don't want us to be their parents, but they want us to cleanup behind them in the kitchen," Simms explained.

Some residents are without meal plans for health, religious or other reasons. Residents voiced concern about closing the kitchens in light of this.

"I was very angry because I don't have a meal plan," one such resident commented.

Accustomed to cooking her meals in the Boozman kitchens, that student turned to the resident assistants for help.

"I asked the R.A. what I was supposed to do, and she said that Varnado was the closest kitchen," the student remarked.

More complaints arose when the kitchens were opened temporarily for R.A. use only.

"I just hope that all this chaos doesn't start up between the R.A.s and the residents again," the student added.

Simms explained that all of the dormintory residents were aware of the rules involving the kitchens.

"We state numerous times that everything in Boozman is a privilege," Simms said.

Another student gave the analogy that community bathrooms in other dorms would not be locked if they would be left dirty. He explained that some aspects of the dorms, including the kitchens and bathrooms, are vital for life.

Simms, however, also expressed displeasure that some of her dishes were stolen from the kitchen.

"I keep my dishes in the kitchen so it is partly my fault...the residence hall isn't liable for it" Simms remarked.

As things stand, the kitchens are open for now, but Simms has placed a chain and padlock on a set of cabinets to insure that her belongings are not stolen again.

The lobbies, hallways and kitchens are for public use. If you leave your stuff, someone will take it.

"As for the locks, I never heard anything about R.A.s having special privileges like that," another Boozman resident commented. "So, I guess I can go lock some cabinets too. Then, I bet the kitchens would be shut down for good."

Academic Core reserved for pedestrians & handicapped

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Why can't students drive on the bricks between Williamson and Kyser Halls? Because the area between Kyser and Williamson Halls is part of the Academic Core.

The Academic Core are the areas that the University's administrators set aside as quiet zones. They are meant to provide a route for pedestrian and handicapped students to travel without the risk of being run over.

At one time, there was a street surrounding Williamson Hall. It was later deleted due to excessive traffic and speeding drivers. Also, the deletion of allowed for a commuter parking lot to be built.

The bricked areas across campus serve dual purposes because many are also service drives for companies like Aramark and UPS.

Many students believed that they were restricted from driving on the bricked driveway because of the weight of the vehicles and high traffic that the steet would be subjected to. However, the restriction has nothing to do with weight. In fact, paved stone is at least three times stronger than concrete.

Another benefit of paved stone is that it can be removed quicker than concrete and is economically more sound in saving on labor expenses. Also, paved stone does not wear--it can only break, which is highly unlikely.

There are plans for the crosswalks on Keyser Avenue that will incorporate paved stone in construction. The areas marked with yellow paint will soon be distinct in design, marked by the bricked look of the Academic Core Zone.

The asphalt roads and crosswalks can be expected to be completed in November if the weather permits.

Scholars' looking for new students to 'come on down'

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

The Louisiana Scholars' College will host Scholars' Day on November 21 for prospective high school students.

Scholars' Day, the College's open house, will include an introduction to the Scholars' faculty, a sample Scholars' class and a panel of Scholars' students, among other activities.

"Once a student comes here and sees what our classes are like, they're going to fall in love with us," Dr. Margaret Cochran, director of the Scholars' College, said.

The Scholars' College differs from the larger university in its manner of instruction.

"The courses are more interdisciplinary than most courses at the University, and the vast majority of them are based on the seminar, where students have the primary responsibility for seeing that the discussion goes well," Cochran explained.

The college attempts to recruit diverse high school students, "particularly students that have more than one area of interest," Cochran added.

Anyone who may be interested in attending Scholars' Day should call the Scholars' College office at 1-800-838-2208 or e-mail them at lscrecruits@nsula.edu.

"If you know someone who is interested in Scholars' or who you think might fit in at the Scholars' College, then let them know," Cochran said. "Tell them to come on down."

Students & faculty: varying emotions about Homecoming

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty and staff have varying opinions about the value of Homecoming.

According to Dr. Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs, Homecoming offers alumni a chance to come back and see the changes the University has undergone over the years.

"Homecoming gives Northwestern an opportunity to show off the accomplishments they have had over the years," Horton said. "It is basically show-and-tell for the students and the alumni: the students show the alumni what it's like to be here now, and the alumni share with the students what it was like for them."

The University has scheduled activities in which both students and alumni are encouraged to participate during Homecoming, the only time of the year that student and alumni activities go hand-in-hand.

Many students feel that the University has succeeded in providing a variety of fun events during Homecoming week.

"I think the students like Homecoming and the activities that go along with it," Eileen Ehlers, sophomore advertising design major, said. "NSU spends a lot of time putting together activities, and the students should take advantage of them."

However, some students do not echo Ehlers' particular sentiment about Homecoming and all the excitement surrounding it. Many students say that they do not participate in Homecoming activities because of a lack of time or interest.

"I've been here for five years, and I have never gone to Homecoming," graduate student Lesa Thompson said. "The truth is, outside of whether NSU wins the game, I just don't care about any of that stuff. It makes no difference to me. If I were on the ballot for Homecoming Queen, I wouldn't even bother to vote."

Homecoming activities are also open to the faculty and staff. Many faculty members say that they will not be able to participate in the Homecoming activities because of work obligations, but they will be attending the game.

Network Administrator Tracy Brown said that he has not been here long enough to get into the social aspects of University life.

"My job is all work and no play," Brown said. "However, I am looking forward to going to the football game and rooting for Northwestern."

Despite the lack of interest by some of the students and faculty, Homecoming is still expected to be a success. Many students plan to attend the game.

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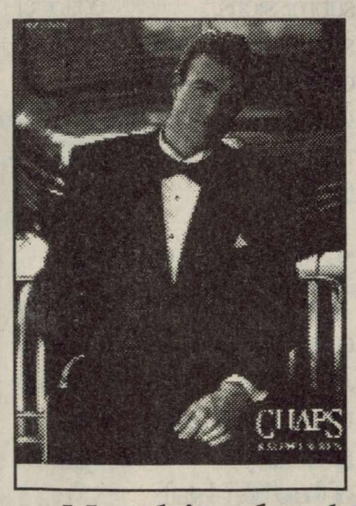

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Our View

Homecoming Week is generally considered the highlight of the athletic and student year. How ironic it is, then, that homecoming this year happens to fall on Halloween.

This year, Homecoming has the potential to be one of the best ever. Our football team is sky-high, having defeated arch-rival McNeese and surviving the Nicholls State game, an obvious let-down after the McNeese drainer.

You can believe Turpin Stadium will be rocking this Saturday, and I would hate to be wearing a Troy State jersey when the walls come tumbling down.

With all of this potential, let's not ruin this Homecoming by doing something stupid. The temptation will be great to act in a ghoulish manner, but remember to be safe. There are several events going on this week, and they can be enjoyed by everyone if we act in an appropriate manner.

Have a happy Homecoming Week & Halloween, Demons!

Is Star Wars Satanic?

Jamie Slayter

Guest columnist

What was going through the minds of media moguls throughout the 70s and 80s? It seems that we have been misled yet again, my friends.

This time it's by the popular Star Wars trilogy. That's right! You think I'm kidding don't you? Well just wait. Star Wars is a tool of Satan, and the reason behind it is the FORCE.

The 'good guy' Obi-Wan Kenobi describes the Force to be, "The thing inside all living creatures." Isn't that supposed to be GOD? The Force makes people do evil, demonic things. Luke's teacher, Yoda, teaches him to make things fly in the air using telekenisis. Isn't that a trademark of demons?

Darth Vader is supposed to be the bad guy, and Obi Wan the good guy. This isn't necessarily true. They're both evil because Obi Wan wants Luke to go around flaunting his ESP feelings and creating storms of debris to fight for good. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, is really telling us that God isn't good enough and wants us to believe in a higher secular human force.

Okay, hold on a second, before all you Star Wars fans start flooding us with hate mail. I don't believe that Star Wars is evil, and I'm not saying you should either. Hey if you want to believe it, that's fine.

But honestly I'm sure that George Lucas is just a very talented individual who saw his big screen dreams become one of the most popular movies of the century.

I read this Satan gibberish from a friend who got it from a friend who got it...well you get the picture. But you shouldn't believe everything you read, is all I'm saying. Check it out for yourself. Whoever came up with this is obviously a fanatic, and getting fanatical about anything really isn't healthy.

Now if you happen to be reading this going, "I knew it! I was right!", you actually weren't, okay? It was a joke and that's it.

Just because some other guy out there said it too doesn't make it real, either. So that makes what now? Two people?

Well hey, write to us and I'll give you his e-mail address. Maybe you could start a club or something.

Letter to the Editor

Homecoming on any campus is a time for the celebration of the old and new traditions associated with that campus. It is a time of reflection and honor of the school and its students. The homecoming court should be a reflection of the student body on all campuses. Think about it, if you were from another school, what impression would this year's homecoming court give you? It would say to you that NSU encompasses a vast amount of white Phi-Mu's and Tri Sigma's. Asians, African-Americans, other sororities and non-Greeks would appear to be non-existent on this campus- but perhaps that would not be too far from the truth.

Through the years issues with the homecoming court and the Student Government's election process, in general, have been very debatable. Questions about procedure have always been raised. The way in which the elections are ran, and the way in which the SGA has handled their business have all been called into question at one time or another. After years and years of performing elections for the student body, one would think that the Student Government would have the procedure down- but, of course, this is obviously not the case.

Many elements of the Homecoming election went severely awry. These are elements that you, as the student Body, are not aware of and elements that the Student Government should be ashamed of. Of course, it is too late to do anything about this now. However, it is important that you, as the student, know exactly what the SGA thinks of your vote.

The Current Sauce gave the students a glimpse into lives of the candidates for the Ms. NSU and the Homecoming elections. It was the responsibility of the Student Government to turn this and other information in to the Current Sauce. What were not put in the paper were the location, the dates, and the times of these elections. Was it not important that everyone know about the vote? Or was it important that only selected few casts their ballots? Perhaps it was an honest mistake that these things weren't mentioned in the paper- the problem with this lies in the fact that the Student Government keeps making these honest mistakes and keeps undermining the student's votes.

The facts are that 60% of the students living on this campus are African-Americans, yet they are not reflected at all in this vote. About 700 hundred people voted. If each of the members of the previously mentioned sororities voted and their respective brother fraternities did the same, then we all know who knew when and where to vote. As the president of the National Pan-Hellenic stated "It is shame that people from off campus know when to vote and the people on campus do no know."

Here's another piece of information for you: For those of you who did vote- did you know that you do not have to vote for all ten? It's now stated because you're Student Government does see fit to tell you that either, but it is the truth.

Election Poll workers -are they allowed to campaign? Is it arbitrary to where the letter shirt of a respective sorority mentioned in the elections while running the polls? I think even Edwin Edwards would disagree.

Also, It states in the constitution of the Student Government that people are not suppose to campaign near the polls, yet one of the respective sororities mentioned above chose to do just that and no action was taken. If upperclassmen remember correctly- a precedent was set when action was taken last year for apparently the same violation.

And last, but not least, the location of the elections is a direct slap in the face to must of the population on this campus. Most people are aware that the Student Union on this campus is not solely for the students. As a result, many students do no venture to this side of the campus at any given time. Your Student Government was well aware of all these facts, yet they chose to put the voter's booths where they were not accessible to all students. A compromise was suggested that one booth should be put in the Union and one in Iberville or Keyser, but compromise was apparently not a part of the agenda. It is sad that Student Government- an organization formed directly as a voice for the students- could not even see fit to bring the election where it should be- to the students. The SGA knew that most people would not go to the Union, but they chose to do it anyway. My question to all students is this- what does that say about their feelings about your vote? If you care let them know that this wrong; let them know how you feel.

If all these factors were apparent immediately after the vote then the election would have, indeed, been contested. The fact remains, however that the actions did not come into light until it was convenient for the Student Government . Therefore, the facts remain that an election that should, by right be contested, remains the same- a reflection perhaps of the attitudes and actions that remain the same year after year.

It is a shame that this campus in 1998 seems to reflect the same attitudes that were visible in 1950, 1960, and 1970. Should we give up on this campus? Should we just sit back and allow these atrocities to happen again and again. We shouldn't- after all; it's our school too. It is also possible that the Student Government does realize the effects of the culmination of the small mistakes effects of the culmination of the small mistakes that it continues to make in the face of all the student body. We should not have to demand respect; it should be automatic. We should have to demand to be heard; because that is what the Student Government is there for. This election was a complete shock to, not only members of the student body, but also members of the faculty. It tells of a bigger, in house problem at this university and it saddens those of us who work so hard to see NSU prosper. You may say that the homecoming court election or any other election ran by the SGA is not your business; but think about it- it is your business because it is your school, too.

Sincerely,
The National Pan-Hellenic Council and the African-American Caucus

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What Dreams May Come one of a kind

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What Dreams May Come
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Do soulmates ever have hard times? Is your deceased pet dog waiting for you in the afterlife? Is heaven a painting? All these questions and more are answered in *What Dreams May Come*, the movie adaptation of the novel by Robert Matheson.

Chris (Robin Williams) and Annie (Annabella Sciorra) meet, fall in love and have two kids. All seems well until the a car wreck leaves them childless. A few years later, on his way to see his wife, Chris witnesses another car crash, leaves his vehicle to assist the injured and is killed by an out of control car.

Now, you may think I've told you all about the movie, but let me assure you that it is only beginning.

Chris, as a soul, struggles to deal with his passing, hovering around his wife as she mourns, until a guardian angel type fellow named Albert (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) appears to help him out. When Chris decides that he's causing his wife more pain than comfort, he goes to heaven.

But heaven isn't any golden streets and mansions mumbo jumbo. Only imagination limits this heaven. To Chris, heaven is the painting by his wife of the mountainside where they met and the dream house in the distance that they always wanted to have.

He awakens in a field of brilliantly colored flowers whose petals ooze into wet paint when touched. The old family dog greets him exuberantly, in her prime again, and there are a few breathtaking minutes of Chris running with his dog through a vibrant palette of grass and flowers, down a hillside and to a cliff where he can see his and Annie's dream house across a wide, blue lake. Only then does he realize where he is, and Albert pops in again to monitor Chris' progress.

After the initial ecstasy of his heaven, Chris is reminded of Annie as she, in the physical world, adds to the painting, affecting heaven with her brushes and communicating with Chris.

This isn't the only heaven, either. There is a collective heaven and individual heavens for each soul. In the city, departed souls help others to be reborn and commute to work with the living. Chris is taken there and met by a new guide who tries to help him let go of his wife.

Back with the living, Annie plummets into a polarity of Chris' experience. Albert returns with the news that Annie has committed suicide. But just as there are personal heavens, there are also personal hells. To reconnect with Annie, Chris must journey to the collective hell in hopes of finding her individual hell.

If the visual effects were awe-inspiring in the heaven sequences, the effects in the hell sequences are bone-chilling. Led by a mysterious guide, Chris must navigate the Sea of Doubt, an ocean teeming with tortured souls trying to capsize the fragile boat carrying Chris and his guides, and reach the Hell House.

Hell in this movie is perhaps the most disturbing creation I've ever seen on the big screen. It's a nightmare created by the thoughts of the souls who have damned themselves and who can't release their past lives, Chris goes there, eventually making the ultimate sacrifice to be with his soul mate, whose personal hell is an eerie flip-side to Chris' heaven.

Chris' heaven and hell experiences are interspersed with memories of his life with Annie. When he first reaches heaven, his memories are all of the happy times, but to save his wife, he must recall the hard times, as well, to learn what mistakes he made then so that he can avoid them on his mission to save Annie now.

The portrayal of soulmates here is unique in that it lets us see the friction between them, that even truly joined souls have their own lessons to learn and obstacles to overcome.

Also, no one in heaven is who he or she seems. In the afterlife a soul may take any shape it wishes, so Chris never knows who he's interacting with. A revelation accompanies each time he recognizes the true identities of the souls he meets, and he finds that he is closer to his last life than he could have imagined.

I admire the parallels between the physical world and the afterlife. There are collective places where people interact and personal places where people exist in their own minds. No one is what he or she appears, and you may be meeting with souls that are dear to you but may be in another shape that renders them unrecognizable.

What Dreams May Come introduces a powerful conception of the afterlife, soul mates, reincarnation and human potential. It is about lessons, self-sacrifice and love. If you only see one movie a year, make it this one. Of the many wisdoms to glean from *What Dreams May Come*, I liked Albert's observation the best: "*Thought is real and physical is the illusion.*"

Skaliente brings back the basics

Sean Woods
Staff Reporter

Skaliente
Grita Records

Lately the ska epidemic that started about three years ago has grown quiet. I could remember turning on the radio and MTV only to be blasted with ska. But not much has been heard from the No Doubts, Reel Bigfishes, or Goldfingers of the ska music world.

Has ska disappeared again for what could be the third time? No. Not quite. It's still here and *Skaliente* is here to prove that ska music-lovers can come from anywhere in the world. *Skaliente* is a compilation of Spanish ska bands with some familiar faces such as Rancid and Voodoo Glow Skulls making special guest appearances.

I must admit I was getting a little tired of all the pop-ska that was everywhere. So I had doubts as to whether I could review this album while suppressing the urge to jam sharp pencils in my ears. But after a couple of songs, I was able to fall back into the groove with the music. There's just something about that repeated guitar chord and horn section in *good* ska that relaxes me deeply.

Okay, the songs on *Skaliente* are in Spanish. Nothing revolutionary. And don't let the Spanish singing keep you from taking a listen to the CD.

I speak Spanish myself, and even I had a hard time understanding what the numerous bands were saying. In a way it was just like listening to some of the English bands.

Kampo Viejo, Ninos Con Bombas, and Kortatu were the bands that I personally liked because they had more of a Latin flavor in the way they played. Check out the Blind Pigs' cover of The Clash's "Revolution Rock." This is a great example of a punk and ska fusion sandwich.

Oh, and if you pick up a copy of *Skaliente,* also get the Screaming Sphincter's limited edition "Skaliente Cayenne Pepper Sauce." Why? Well with a company name like Screaming Sphincter, it's got to be good stuff.

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Run to honor NSU alumnus

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

For many years, no early morning at Northwestern would be complete without seeing Richard Ware jogging on campus.

Saturday, over two years after his death, another group of joggers will compete in a 5k race that is named in his honor.

Ware graduated from NSU in 1971. While at NSU, Ware was a standout athlete playing both football and tennis.

"Richard was one of the toughest guys to play on the field, but off the field he was the nicest," said Jack Brittain, an NSU alumnus and close friend of Ware's.

Most people remember Ware for his contributions to Northwestern after he graduated.

Ware was the color commentator on the radio for the Demon football team as well as being an active NSU alumnus.

"He was always upbeat and happy," continued Brittain. "He was a wonderful fan of Northwestern."

"The thing that I carry with me about Richard is the way he would give the thumbs up gesture which epitomized his life," Doug Ireland, Sports Information Director, said.

The proceeds from the "Run for Richard" will go to the Richard Ware Endowment, a scholarship fund for student athletes.

After graduating from NSU, Ware went on to become a district judge in Red River Parish and to serve as the president of the Louisiana Judges Association.

The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Walter P. Ledet track Complex. Participants will then receive a T-shirt and BBQ dinner. The cost to enter is $10 for students and $15 for the general public. Advanced reservations are required. For additional information, call 357-5251.

SAB reaching out to non-traditional students

Melissa Robertson
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board is sponsoring several activities throughout the semester for non-traditional students to better accommodate their needs.

In previous semesters, non-traditional students have voiced concerns about the lack of activities and clubs available to them. The students argued that most organizations on campus are directed solely at the traditional student.

Last fall, the SAB began organizing a free breakfast where they could voice their concerns. The breakfast, which is every Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. in the Student Union, provides a way for the administration to keep an up-to-date roster on how many non-traditional students are at NSU.

"We use the breakfast meetings as a way to find the nucleus of the non-traditional students," Liz Carroll, SAB advisor said. "The meetings provide a way for us to find out the general concerns of the students such as financial aid and non-traditional student scholarships."

Junior psychology major Lisa Bannister, who has attended the breakfast meetings in past semesters, believes they are very useful to non-traditional students.

"The meetings are encouraging because some of the problems voiced are unique to non-traditional students," Bannister said.

According to the Department of Continuing Education, a non-traditional student is generally 23 years of age or older, has children, and has a full time or part-time job.

Senior general studies major Linda Jones believes that non-traditional students usually do not have the same interests as traditional students, but that their needs should also be met.

"I think having an organization for the non-traditional students where we give our opinions is a good idea," Jones said.

SAB is also helping to organize a club for non-traditional students. The first meeting of the semester was held on Oct. 14.

"The meetings provide a good network for the students," Carroll said. "The goal of the organization is to assist the non-traditional students in having a successful college career."

"Current Quotes"

"How do you feel about telephone registration?"

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Maggie Cathey
Freshman

"I'm all about it."

Shelley Baswell
Sophomore

"It takes a little bit of getting used to, but it works."

Erin Tatum
Junior

"It's quick and easy."

Robert Browning
Senior

Campus Spotlight: The NSU Flying Demons

Top row (l to r): Wesley Boyanski, Paul Sanderson, Walter Clement, Christian Clark, Greg Harris, and David Clark (advisor). Bottom row: Cory Mack, Brennan Mack, Jason Kreppel, Brad Kreckel, and Travis Lavergne (Captain).

Wesley Boyanski
Contributing Writer

From Oct. 21 to Oct. 24 the Northwestern State Flying Demons competed in the NIFA Safecon Region IV Flight Competition.

Every year the National Intercollegiate Flying Association holds regional competitions with the top three teams moving on to nationals. This year the flying demons hoped to advance to nationals for the first time ever.

The competition was held at the Draughon-Miller Airport in Temple, TX. The Demons matched skills against Louisiana Tech, Northeast Louisiana, Delta State University, Texas Southern University, Central Texas College, and Texas State Technical College.

With a small and inexperienced team the Demons finished a close fifth.

Louisiana Tech won the overall competition. The competition is aviation related and consists of ground and flying events.

The flight team hopes to take this year's experience and turn it into a first place finish next year.

The Flying Demons would like to thank the SGA for allocating the funds that allowed them to practice for and participate in the competition.

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6:20 Panhellenic Council
6:30 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 Kappa Alpha Order
7:10 Kappa Alpha Psi
7:20 Kappa Sigma
7:30 Phi Beta Sigma
7:40 Phi Mu
7:50 Sigma Nu
8:00 Sigma Sigma Sigma
8:10 Tau Kappa Epsilon
8:20 Theta Chi
8:30 Zeta Phi Beta
8:40 Baptist Student Union
8:50 Catholic Student Organization

Tuesday, November 3

5:30 Alpha Eta Rho
5:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
5:40 Alpha Phi Alpha
5:45 American Chemical Society
5:50 BACCHUS / SPADA
5:55 Beta Beta Beta
6:00 Black Student Association
6:05 Blue Key
6:10 Can-Do
6:15 College Democrats
6:20 Current Sauce
6:25 Demon Sweethearts
6:30 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Club
6:35 HMT Association
6:40 International Student Association
6:45 Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers
6:50 Kappa Delta Pi
6:55 Kappa Kappa Psi
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7:35 Rodeo Team
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7:45 Scholar's College Forum
7:50 Sigma Delta Chi
7:55 Sigma Tau Delta
8:00 Society for Professional Journalists
8:05 Student Activities Board
8:10 Student Alumni Association
8:15 Student Art Society
8:20 Student / Faculty Forum
8:25 Student Personnel Association
8:30 Swamp Demons
8:35 Tau Beta Sigma
8:40 Veterinary Technician Club
8:45 Wesley Westminster Foundation

Wednesday November 4

5:30 AIIP
5:35 Animal Health Technicians
5:40 Anthropology Club
5:45 Anthropological Society
5:50 Argus
5:55 Beta Gamma Psi
6:00 Circle K
6:05 Club Geo
6:10 College Republicans
6:15 Der Deutsche Klub
6:20 Diamond Dolls
6:25 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
6:30 Gavel Club
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Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Despite their active roles on campus, neither of this year's winners for Mr. and Miss NSU can believe they were selected.

"It hasn't set in yet," David Deggs, Mr. NSU, said. "I'm excited and honored."

Miss NSU, Kelli Rivere, has similar feelings.

"It's really overwhelming," Rivere said.

Both Deggs and Rivere are involved with NSU.

Rivere is currently serving as captain of the Demon Dazzler Danceline and as president of her sorority. Rivere is also a member of Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and the Purple Jackets.

Rivere is a secondary education major who plans to graduate in May of 1999. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school for a Master's degree in school administration. She hopes to one day be a high school principal.

"I'm flattered that my peers think enough of me to elect me to represent NSU," Rivere added.

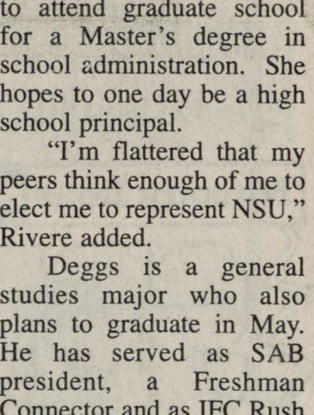
Deggs is a general studies major who also plans to graduate in May. He has served as SAB president, a Freshman Connector and as IFC Rush Chairman.

After graduation, Deggs also wants to attend graduate school. He would one day like to work in student services on a college campus.

"It's a fantastic honor that I never expected to get," Deggs continued.

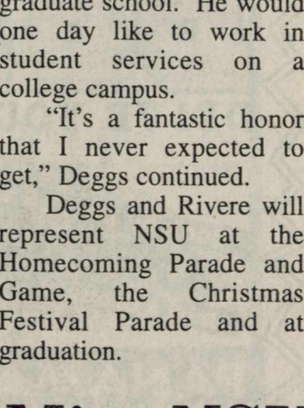
Deggs and Rivere will represent NSU at the Homecoming Parade and Game, the Christmas Festival Parade and at graduation.

Miss NSU



Kelli Rivere

Mr. NSU



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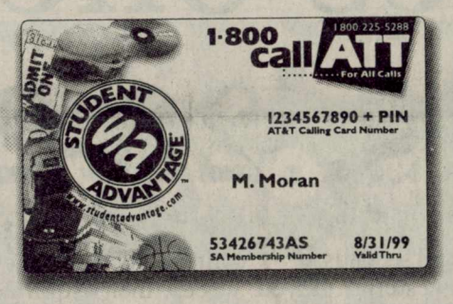

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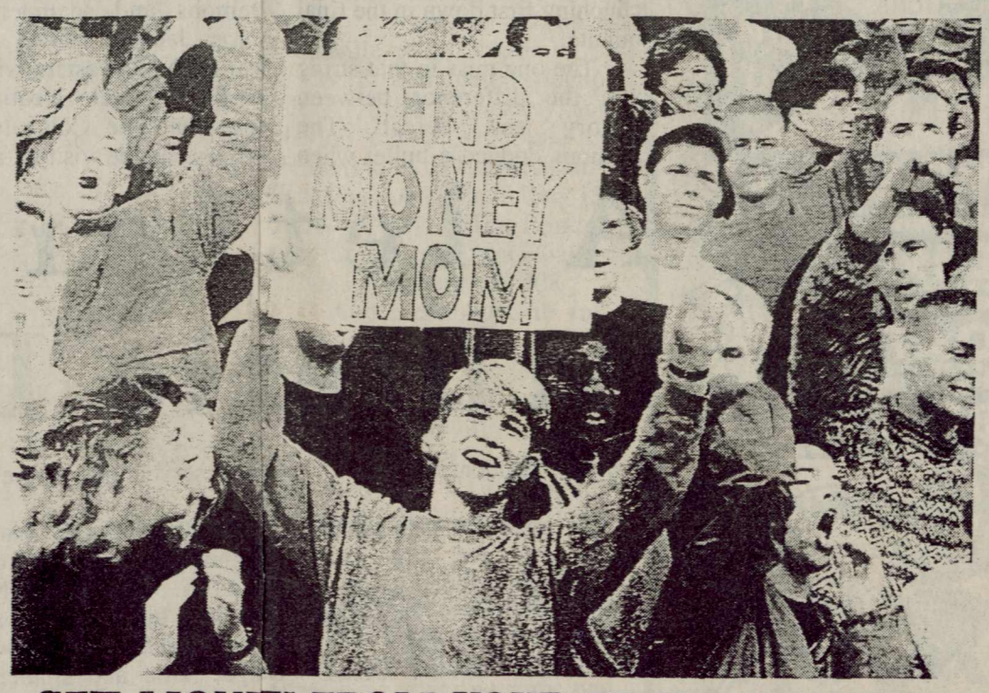

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Demons rope Cowboys 14-10

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Talk about a nail-biter.

Northwestern State and McNeese went down to the wire in a game that lived up to its 'game of the year' billing with the Demons pulling out a 14-10 win in front of 14, 247 fans, the third-largest crowd in Turpin Stadium history.

Northwestern intercepted McNeese quarterback Blake Prejean four times, the last one on the final play of the game by Jermaine Jones. Jones had three picks on the night as the Demons won the turnover battle 6-1.

"If Jermaine isn't an All-American, I don't know who is," a jubilant NSU head coach Sam Goodwin said. "We felt like our defensive line could take it to them. They hurt us with some draws but they couldn't knock us off the ball. The big fourth down play at the end was the biggest of a bunch of big plays."

Goodwin is referring to a fourth-and-seven at the NSU 26 with under 3:30 remaining in the game. Prejean was hit as he threw and looped a pass to Eric Chew, who was tackled inches short of a first down at the 20 by B.J. Williams and Mike Green.

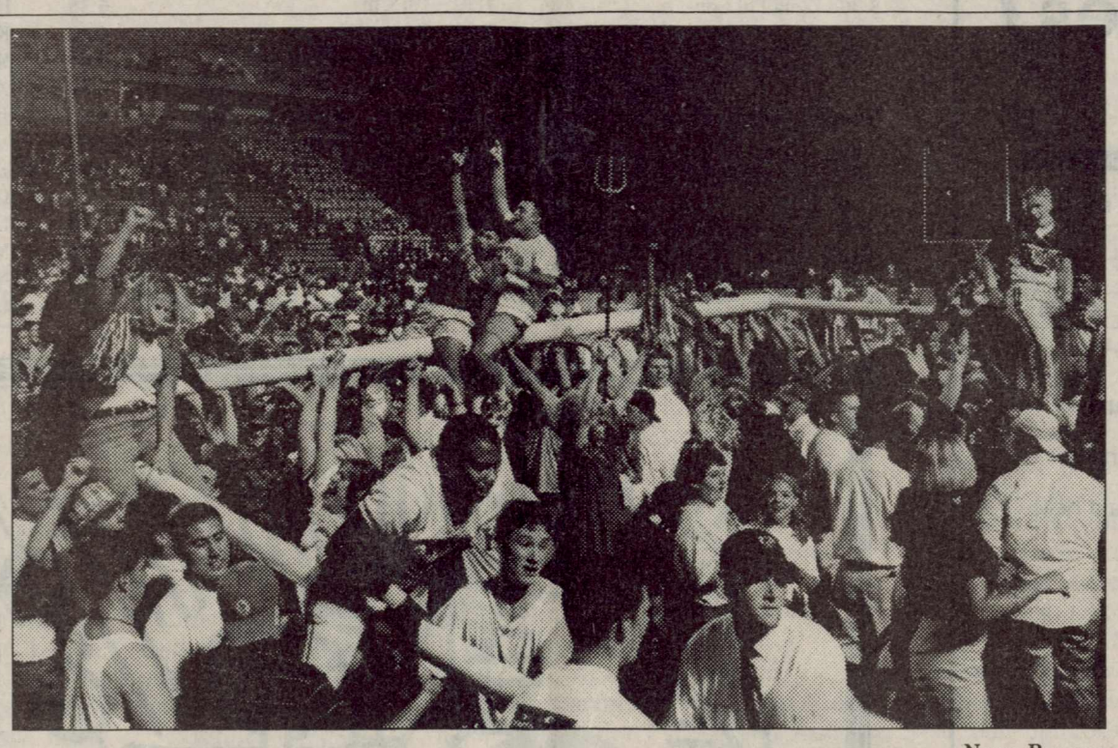
Northwestern took the opening kickoff and made things look easy, going 75 yards on eight plays for the score.

Ronnie Powell, who had a tremendous opening quarter, went five yards for the score that got the crowd into the game early. Powell had 117 yards in the quarter and finished the game with 151 on 21 carries and the touchdown.

NSU had opportunities to increase its lead in the first half as they moved deep into McNeese territory twice and came away empty. T.J. Sutherland fumbled on the McNeese 20 yard line after a lengthy completion from Warren Patterson.

On the next possession the Demons again moved the ball well, getting to the Cowboy 13 with a first down. McNeese tightened up and held the Demons to a 31-yard missed field goal by Thomas LaToof.

McNeese finally got on the board in the second quarter on a 29-yard Shonz LaFrenz field goal with seven seconds left in the first half. The Cowboys had threatened earlier, but turnovers ended their scoring chances.



News Bureau

A crowd of 14,247 saw the Northwestern State Demons piledrive the McNeese State Cowboys on Oct. 15.

McNeese appeared ready to take control of the game on their second possession of the second half.

Backed up to their three yard line by a Shawn Grigsby punt, the Cowboys marched 97 yards in 16 plays, taking over eight minutes off of the clock.

The Demons ran only six plays for minus-2 yards in the third quarter.

"They came back with everything they had in the third quarter," Goodwin said. "You have to give them credit. They are a great team. But we came back too."

After the Demons stand on fourth down and taking over possession on downs late in the game, they were faced with a critical third and seven from their 23 with two minutes left in the game.

Patterson kept the ball on a bootleg keeper, gaining eight yards and a first down. Patterson just barely got the ball passed the first down marker as WR Chris Pritchett provided an outstanding downfield block.

"We had it (the bootleg) in our game play all along," Goodwin said. "It just seemed like a good time to run it."

Northwestern did a good job of containing McNeese freshman phenom Jesse Burton. Burton, who played his high school ball at Natchitoches Central, was held to 61 yards rushing on 20 carries, although he did score the lone Cowboy touchdown.

Goodwin was glad this game was played on a Thursday so his team will have an extra couple of days to prepare for their next foe, Nicholls State.

"We have time to get ready for Nicholls," Goodwin said. "We need to win the Louisiana games. We need to win the Louisiana championship before we can win the conference and the national championship."

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Football takes one from Nicholls, 28-26

Sports Information

Fourth-ranked Northwestern State held off upset-minded Nicholls State Saturday night, escaping with a 28-26 Southland Football League triumph by holding on to the ball.

When senior David Jones recovered a Nicholls onside kick with 1:38 left, it gave the Demons (6-1 overall, 3-0 in the SFL) a do-or-die chance to play keepaway from a sizzling Colonel offense. Senior fullback Brian Jacquet, who earlier scored two touchdowns, ran 6 yards for the game-clinching first down in the final minute.

The one miss in that string was the difference between victory and defeat. The Demons dodged a bullet when Kyle Leisher was two yards wide right on a 27-yard field goal with 6:51 to go that would have pushed the Colonels ahead by one. Leisher hit first-half field goals of 24 and 27 yards, but his miss foiled a 12-play, 72-yard drive with Nicholls trailing 21-19.

Then Northwestern's offense mounted a game-turning 8-play, 80-yard drive capped when Warren Patterson laced a 26-yard touchdown pass to Eric Granger on a third-and-2 with 3:36 left, lifting the Demons ahead 28-19.

Jones, doing his best Derek Jeter imitation, scooped up the ensuing onsides kick for the Demons and scampered 19 yards. Jacquet locked up the win for Northwestern with a 6-yard run for a clock-eating first down and the Colonels were helpless as the visitors ran out the remaining 58 seconds.

Northwestern played without senior tailback Ronnie Powell, who left the game in the first quarter with flu and a sprained ankle. Redshirt freshman Tony Taylor registered 107 yards on 18 carries, including a pivotal 25-yarder in the drive to the game-winning TD by Granger.

The teams scored a pair of touchdowns apiece in a frenzied third quarter that left the Demons trying to build on a 21-19 lead.

An amazing 16-yard run by Taylor ignited the Demons on their first possession of the second half, leading to a 1-yard touchdown run by Jacquet to stretch Northwestern's advantage to 14-6.

On third-and-6 at the Nicholls 42, Taylor got the call on a draw. Three Colonels met him immediately, but he spun free, then squirted through another couple of defenders and burst into the secondary down to the 26.

Three plays later, Patterson read a Nicholls blitz perfectly and found Pritchett at midfield to start a 77-yard touchdown that pushed Northwestern ahead 21-12 with 3:09 left.

Again, Nicholls answered right back, getting another Anderson 1-yard touchdown run to punctuate a 6-play, 65-yard drive with 40 seconds remaining in the wild third period and drawing within 21-19.

The Demons nursed a 7-6 halftime lead after holding the Colonels to a pair of short field goals after Nicholls twice moved inside the Northwestern 10.

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A letter from the Athletic Department

Dear NSU Student Body:

You made a difference! Thank you for not only attending our october 15 game against McNeese in great numbers, but for your enthusiastic and LOUD involvement all night long. After last November's Stephen F. Austin game, we could not imagine the impact of our student body being any greater but you outdid yourselves against McNeese.

Defeating the top-ranked team in the country happened for many reasons and having a great home field advantage was certainly one of them. When the game was on the line in the fourth quarter, you picked us up time and time again. The result was one of the biggest wins in the history of the NSU athletic program and for you, another well-deserved run at the goal post!

Finally, we ask that you continue to stand strongly behind us. While the McNeese win was huge, our goal of winning the Southland Football League Title and challenging for the national championships must still be attained. Beginning with the Homecoming game against Troy State on october 31, let's continue to establish Turpin Stadium as a difficult place for opponents to play because of our great fans.

Thanks again and Go, Demons!!

The Demon Football Team
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David Beaver
Staff Reporter

For the NSU Volleyball team, the past two weeks have been a long hard ride in a fast machine.

Playing six matches in the past two weeks, four of those being on the road, and with injuries adding up, the Demons have persevered quite nicely.

It all began back on October 13 at Southeastern Louisiana.

The Demons were competitive, but fell short in four, as SLU won, 15-12, 15-7, 14-16, 15-4.

April Addeo led the Demons with 8 kills, while Shera Karasiak added 7 kills and 8 digs as well.

Missy Krause totaled 31 assists for the match, while also adding 9 digs of her own.

If anything was to blame, it would be the hitting percentage. The Demons only hit .087 as compared to SLU's .214.

The Demons then got little time to rest and recover as they came back they next day with a match at Nicholls State.

The Demons were sharp and competitive, striking fast and hard, en route to a thrilling 15-13, 10-15, 15-8, 13-15, 15-11 victory over the Lady Colonels.

Kia Converse led NSU with 25 kills, while chipping in 10 digs as well.

Freshman Lisa Abner contributed 21 kills and 16 digs as well. Karasiak also threw in 15 kills as well. The Demons played well, hitting .265 as a team, to Nicholls' .258 mark.

The Demons then returned home on the eve of Fall Break to the Southwest Texas Bobcats waiting in the wings of Prather. SWT showed why it was in second place in the conference standings, by beating the Demons, 15-5, 16-14, 15-9.

The Demons were competitive however, led by Converse's 13 kills and 15 digs and Abner's 11 kills. Sondra Lima had 12 digs, to go along with Krause's 43 assists and 14 digs.

The Demons hit well at .210, however could not overcome the SWT duo of Makeda Smith and Laura Ivy, both of whom are possible all-conference picks.

The Demons again came back the next day to host UT-San Antonio. Again, NSU was competitive, before falling in four to the Roadrunners, 15-10, 11-15, 15-11, 15-8.

NSU hit fairly well, hitting .194 as a team, opposed to UTSA's .288 mark.

Addeo led the Demons with 15 kills, while Lisa Abner continued to impress, adding 14 kills and 13 digs.

Converse added 11 kills of her own, while Krause totaled 46 assists for the match.

Then the injuries set in, as the Demons hit the road for a Texas swing through Huntsville and Arlington.

With a depleted lineup, minus three starters and playing out of position, the Demons held their own against Sam Houston before falling 15-7, 16-14, 15-12. The Demons only hit .111, and Sam Houston only slightly better at .208.

Abner continued to roll, leading the Demons with 8 kills and 19 digs, while Krause added 6 kills and 30 assists.

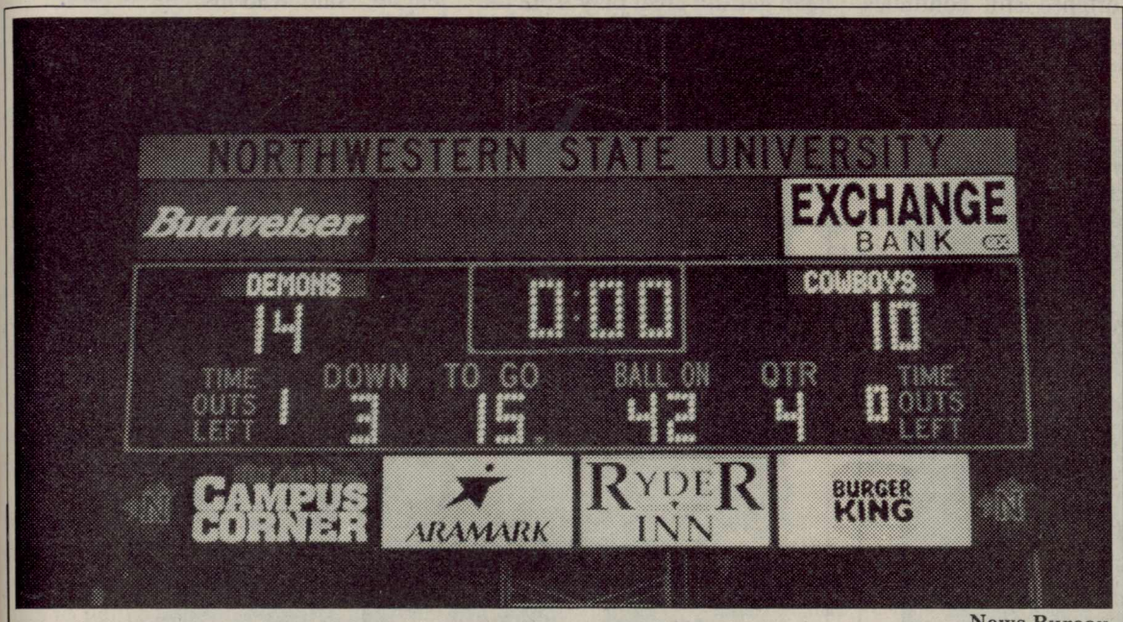
From Huntsville, it was on to Arlington for a showdown with first place UTA in front of a boisterous crowd at Texas Hall.

The depleted Demons could never quite get rolling, as the Mavericks showed why they are in first place, rallying from a 7-1 deficit in game two and beating NSU with reserves in the third, 15-4, 15-7, 15-3.

Abner and Kendra Peters each had 6 kills to lead the Demons, while Krause totaled only 19 assists and led the Demons with 4 digs.

The Demons must regroup as they next take the court tonight against Northeast Louisiana at 7:00pm in Prather Coliseum.

The Indians beat NSU earlier this season, however the Demons beat NLU last year on our home floor.



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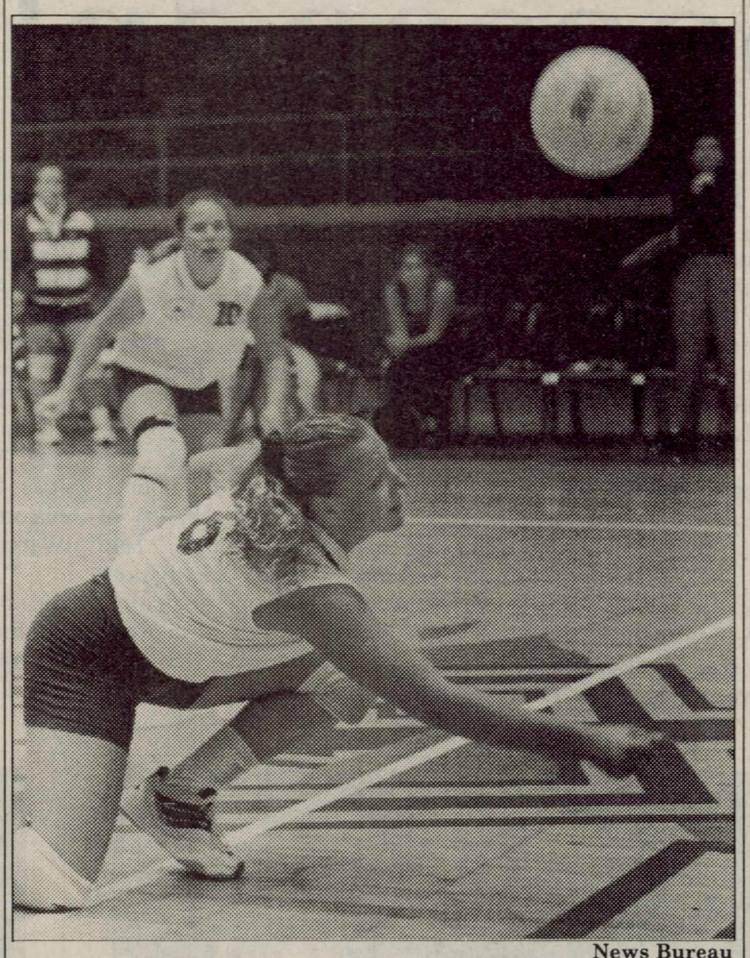
The Demons hope to give a repeat performance Saturday at 2 p.m. against Troy State.



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Missy Krause tries to get the ball in the air, but shanks it.

Edward Parks won the picks two weeks ago. Congratulations!

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___Troy St. at NSU___
___Stephen F. Austin at SW Texas___
___Nicholls St. at La. Tech___
___Southern Miss. at Army___
___Ala. Birmingham at Northeast La.___
___USL at Tulane.___
___McNeese St. at Sam Houston St.___
___Grambling at Texas Southern___
___Wyoming at TCU___
___Baylor at Notre Dame___

NFL

___Minnesota at Tampa Bay___
___Jacksonville at Baltimore___
___New Orleans at Carolina___
___St. Louis at Atlanta___
___Tennessee at Pittsburgh___
___New England at Indianapolis___
___Denver at Cincinnati___
___NY Giants at Washington___
___NY Jets at Kansas City___
___San Francisco at Green Bay___
___Miami at Buffalo___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Dallas at Philadelphia___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

Student Athlete of the Week

Warren Patterson
Football

The senior quarterback led the Demons to another hard fought victory over the Colonels of Nicholls State. Patterson completed 10-26 for 216 yards. The Demons improve to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the SFL.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 31
2 p.m. vs. Troy State

Student Athlete of the Week

Chante' Daily
Cross Country

Daily led a 1-2-3 finish for the Demons, who scored a near perfect 20 points in winning the USL Invitational. The victories for these team were the first team titles of the season.0

Upcoming Home Contests
October 16--Volleyball
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Soccer split conference trip

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

After a tough and somewhat disappointing week, the Demons are preparing to finish a remarkable season and repeat as conference tournament champions.

The Demons(9-6-2) hit a small losing skid at the worst possible time, dropping a hard-fought conference game against SLU 2-1, and tying first place SFA 1-1.

The tie clinched the SLC regular season title for SFA, who eventually fell to the Demons last year in the conference tournament.

"It was very tough to lose those games," said coach Pete Watkins.

"Had we won that one game against SFA, we would be in control of our own fate."

The Demons finished the week by splitting twc non-conference games in the Jacksonville State tournament.

"We still have plenty of soccer to play, though." said Watkins. " We've got a big non-conference game against Mississippi State, and then we play McNeese. We have to remain focused."

The Demons suffered another huge setback last week as defensive anchor Janet Callahan suffered a leg injury in the SFA game. Callahan, who was last week's SLC player of the year will miss a lot of time, though it's uncertain how long she will be out of actions.

"We really cant afford to lose her, but we have also become more balanced," said Watkins.

"Tammy Peck is bar-none the best Defenseman in the conference, and a lot of the girls are able to pick up the slack."

The goalkeeper combination of Tiffany Swingler and Wendy Woodham will also have to help pick up the slack, but that really hasn't been a problem for the two.

Swingler, although she gave up her first conference goals this week, has still been masterful in the net, averaging less than a goal a game.

Woodham is one of the league leaders in saves, and combined with Swingler, their goals against average is one of the smallest in the conference.

Even with the losses, the Demon offense still continues to shine as one the best in the conference. Amy Fulkerson and Brittany Cargill have combined on 24 goals this season, with Cargill having 3 last week and Fulkerson having 1. Against SLU, the Demons assaulted SLU goalkeeper

Allison Holiday with 24 shots, but had one key shot that went in the net by Holly Horn called back due to an offsides penalty. That goal could have would have tied the game and sent it into overtime. Horn would later score the lone goal against SFA.

The Demons have also been getting great play from the bench, with freshman Jodie Bales and Susan Day providing excellent efforts off the bench.

Now, the Demons have to rebound for next Saturday's matchup with Mississippi State. Last season, the Lady Bulldogs beat Northwestern at home 3-0, even though the game was scoreless at halftime. Then after that, The Demons have another conference showdown with McNeese.

Watkins believes his team will be ready for both challenges.

"We need to prove that we can beat anybody in the league," said Watkins.

"Now, we're playing for pride."

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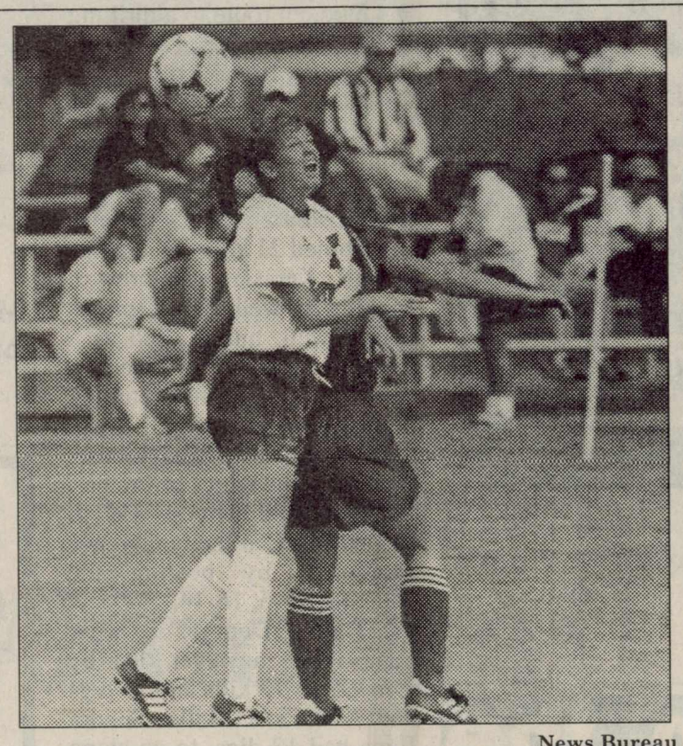
Joanna McKee darts around her opponent, attempt a shot at the goal.



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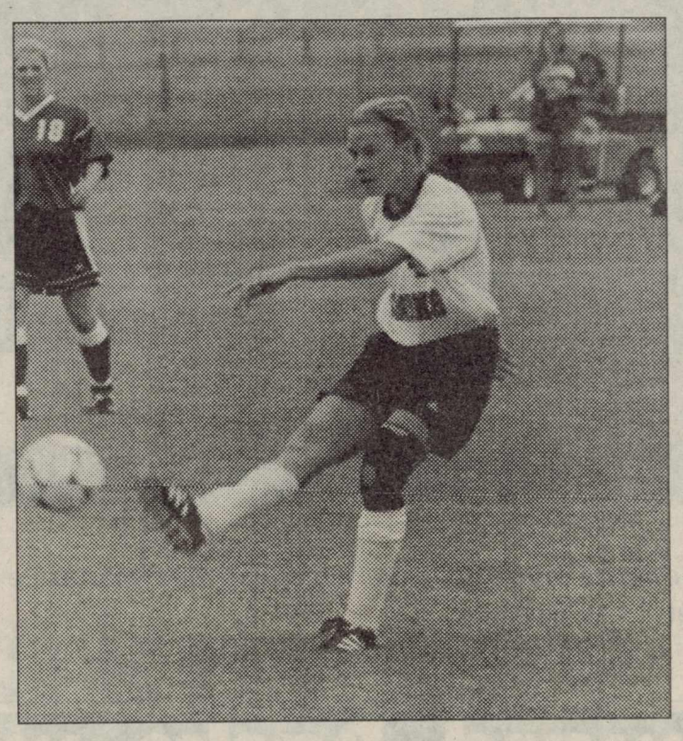
A soccer player send the ball the Demons way.



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Tiffany Swingler pass the ball to a teammate.

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NSU Weekly Sports events

Tuesday, Oct. 27
NSU VBall vs. Northeast La @ Prather Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 30
NSU VBall vs. McNeese State@ Prather Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31
NSU Football vs. Troy State @ Turpin Stadium, 2 p.m.

NSU Soccer @ Mississippi State., 7 p.m.

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Should students pay for others' dorm damages?

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Whether occupants of residence halls should be charged for damage to public property is being debated.

The housing policy in the student handbook states that the occupants of a particular hall are liable for the cost of repairs, or hall assessment, when damage occurs to any area considered public domain. The amount of damage is divided among all of the residents on that floor.

The door to freshman Germel Rawlings' room was kicked in one night. Rawlings was away at the time but still has to help pay for the damage.

The reason Rawlings' door was kicked in and the identity of the culprit are unknown.

"I don't think I should have to pay," Rawlings said. "I was nearly a victim of burglary."

Although students signed an agreement containing the housing policy before moving into a dorm room, many were unaware of what they were actually consenting to.

"You do need to stop and read things, especially in these types of situations," Mary Stacey, director of housing and auxiliary services, said.

According to Stacey, the policy's main goal is to get students to treat the residence halls with the same respect afforded to their homes. She feels that residents should try to curtail vandalism by reporting such incidents and the persons responsible.

When situations are handled in such a manner, the financial responsibility then falls solely on those responsible for the damage.

Many residents feel that they should not be held accountable for someone else's actions, especially if they were not present when the damage occurred and could therefore not have prevented it.

"When residential property is intentionally damaged, repercussions are felt by all, either psychologically or financially," Norm Tanner, lead residence advisor, said.

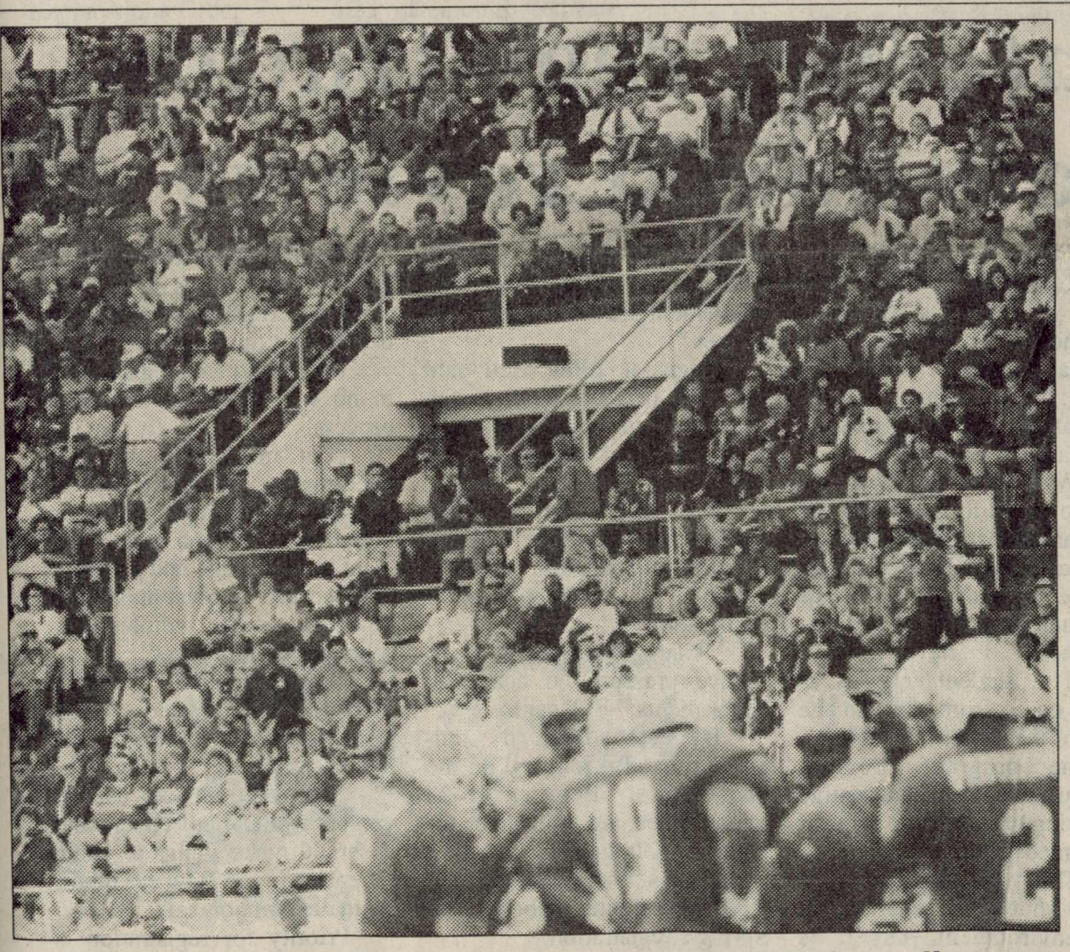
A student faced with damage charges can prevent debits to his account by providing a written affidavit from a parent or guardian stating that the student was away from the residence hall at the time of the vandalism.

The problem of hall assessments is not new to the University, and it will continue to be an issue that has to be dealt with, but there may be some resolution on the way.

"Hopefully when the security systems are installed in Rapides Hall, we will be able to do away with hall assessments there and punish the actual individuals at fault," Stacey said.

Homecoming Week Activities

Kelli Rivere, 1998 Homecoming Queen, paints cars Friday in front of the Student Union as part of last week's Homecoming festivities.



Crowds like this one have become common at NSU football games. NSU set a new attendance record this year at the Southern game and had the fourth-largest crowd at the McNeese game.

Football attendance soars with victories

Crystal Swanner
~~Staff Reporter~~

Over the past several years, attendance at football games has fluctuated from season to season.

When the Demons have the Southern Jaguars on the schedule, attendance is always high for the year. This year, the crowd of 16,800 fans set a record for the largest attendance in history.

This new record beat the old by over 600 people. The McNeese game also has its place in the record books for the fourth largest crowd in Turpin Stadium.

Dennis Kalina, assistant athletic director/marketing, said that marketing is much easier when the Demons have a winning season because the fans have someone to support.

This season, the Demons are estimated to bring in over $180,000 in ticket sales. This does not include an estimate on how many students will be attending the games. The single season record will also be set this year. Last year's season set the tone for this year.

"We started off with some injuries, but we still had a six-game winning streak," Kalina said. "This year, everyone had high expectations, and so far, the team hasn't disappointed the fans."

> **"When the players walk onto the field and hear everyone cheering them on, winning the game is much easier."**
>
> Dennis Kalina
> Assistant Athletic Director

The Demons' record for this year so far is 6-2.

Student attendance has definitely gone up in the past several years. After the Demons finished so well last season, the enthusiasm has carried over to this year.

"Everyone agrees that the spirit is back at NSU," Kalina said.

The athletic department has several ways that it calculates the attendance at football games. The student attendance is calculated by using clickers that count the students as they enter the stadium on the student side. They also examine at how full the stadium appears after kick-off. The other side is determined by how many tickets were sold and how full the different sections lseem.

Kalina said that the calculations are fairly accurate. The numbers are usually within 300 people.

"Attendance is really important to the team," Kalina said. "When the players walk onto the field and hear everyone cheering them on, winning the game is much easier."

Controversial theater coming to FA Center

Debra Parker
Contributing Writer

The Childrens' Hour will be performed at the A.A. Fredericks Creative and Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. from Friday, Nov. 13 until Sunday, Nov. 22.

Dr. Jack Wann

The author of the play, Lillian Hellman, is considered to be the best of the modern playwrights. When she first produced it in 1934, *The Childrens' Hour* was considered controversial due to its content, which contained lesbianism.

"It was considered suspect by the witch hunters of the 1950s," Dr. Jack Wann, director of *The Childrens' Hour*, said. "Witch hunters refers to Joseph McCarthy and other politicians who took part in ruining some of the most brilliant writing careers of the 1950s by accusing [the writers] of communistic learnings."

The play is about a vindictive girl, Mary, who starts a rumor about two teachers running a school for girls. The rumor ultimately destroys their lives and careers.

"Some people may come out thinking that the play is about lesbianism," Jena Peevy, junior theater major, said. "That is not the point at all. The play is about the power of a lie, and the bigger the lie, the more harm that can be done."

The play is likely to have a large impact on the audience because it forces them to comprehend the fact that just a few words can change a person's life forever.

"I don't know that the play will change people's lives, but I definitely think that it will open up their eyes to what lies can actually do to people," Jenae Yerger, sophomore theatre major, said.

The theater department is aware that the content of this play might cause some controversy.

"I am not worried about the controversy," Wann said. "I like the stimulation that a good play can cause. This is a piece of good literature that focuses on the effects of a lie and not the single issue that the lie is about."

Wann said that this is a play that will keep students talking, so he hopes that they and their family members will take the opportunity to experience it. He did warn, however, that the play should probably not be viewed by children under 12-years-old.

Students can pickup their tickets at the box office. Each may receive two complimentary tickets with a student ID.

The cost to the general public is $5 per person and $2 for senior citizens. For more

Technology fees create more computer resources on campus

Shawn T. Hornsby
News Editor

Student technology fees are being used to provide more computer resources throughout the campus.

Two new projects have been completed with the funding from student technology fees. A help desk has been created in room 200 of Roy Hall to provide assistance with software to students.

Mark Hill, student technology support specialist, said the help desk is designed to give basic assistance to those students who have any questions with software including Netscape, Windows '95 and '98 and NSU VAX. Limited support is offered for Macintosh computers.

Hill commented that the help desk is not intended to help students with their homework or any Internet-related assignments.

> **"We're trying to let students know they do come first."**
>
> Mark Hill
> Technology Support Specialist

The help desk is for students only. Faculty may receive assistance, but Hill stressed that no students will be turned away. In fact, he hopes this help desk will show students that their money is being put to good use.

"Students don't see where that money is actually going," Hill said of the technology fees. "We want them to see that we are trying to do something for them; they haven't been forgotten. We're trying to let students know they do come first."

The help desk is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Hill said students must have an active VAX account to receive assistance. Students should be able to provide their user name to staff workers. Any student with questions about their software can call the help desk during regular business hours at (318) 357-6696.

Student technology fees have also been used to create another computer lab on the first floor of Watson Library. The 30-station computer lab will be equipped with advanced technology including digital web cameras. The grand opening for the computer lab will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

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Campus Connections

Teddy Bear Week: A social work class, consisting of Brittany Bono, Joanna Bradford, Kelli Rabalais, Marla Sawrie, Kristen Norfleet and Anne Long, will sponsor "Teddy Bear Week" Nov. 2-6. Stuffed animals will be given to pediatric patients at the LSU Medical center in Shreveport and Huey P. Long Hospital in Pineville. Organizations that are interested in donating stuffed animals should deliver them to the President's Room on the second floor of the Student Union on Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The stuffed animals should be placed in either boxes or bags and labeled with your organization or business name. Prizes will be given to the winners of the contest. For more information, call (318) 356-0203 or (318) 356-9300.

Kappa Delta Pi: A clothing drive will be held for underprivileged children in Natchitoches beginning Nov. 16. New or nearly new clothing can be brought to Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. Those who are interested in beginning the season of giving are welcome to decorate the Christmas tree in Pod B of the TEC on Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (318) 357-5553.

Student Government Association: Two senator positions are still available for graduate students. Anyone interested in applying for these positions should call 357-4501 or come by room 222 in the Student Union. Six to eight students are needed for the Student Advisory Committee to the IM Planning Council. Freshmen and sophomores are preferred because the committee will meet until the completion of the IM renovations.

Wanted Freshmen Connectors: Applications are available in Student Union 103 and are due Wednesday. For more information call 357-5559.

Registrars Office: Advance registration will be held from November 2-20.

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Anthropology Club: Meeting today at 3 p.m. in the archaeology lab, room 212 Kyser.

Rowing: The NSU Rowing team's Fall 1998 race schedule: November 7--Lake Charles, State Championship Regatta: NSU, Centenary, Tulane, and Loyola; November 14--Championship Rowing Marathon--attended by as many as 300 participants from all over the nation; November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

The International Student Organization: Please bring recipes for the International Food Fair which will be held on Nov. 18 in Iberville. For information, call 354-2381 and ask for Diter.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Hi Alphas! Great job on lip sync last week! Roses to everyone who participated. Also, big thank-you's to everyone who helped out with the float for homecoming. Love and roses to Deneise Murad, whose birthday is on Nov. 5. Last reminder: Depinning is this Friday, Initiation is Saturday and a post-initiation workshop will be held Sunday. Congratulations to all of our awesome Alphas for great grades!

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Air Force band to give performance

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

The United States Air Force Band of the West will be performing on Monday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Magale Recital Hall. This free admission concert is open to the public.

The Band of the West's home is Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. The band, one of 12 Regional Air Force Bands in both the U.S. and overseas, averages over 500 performances and travels over 10,000 miles annually.

The Band of the West works with the Dallas and San Antonio Symphony Orchestras and has performed for every president since John F. Kennedy. One of the band's most memorable performances was in 1986 when the members played at the memorial for the astronauts killed on the Space Shuttle Challenger.

The band consists of 45 professional musicians from colleges and universities all over the U.S. and is one of the largest military bands.

Second Lieutenant Michael Mench, vice commander and assistant conductor for Band of the West, will be serving as conductor at the NSU performance.

According to Mench, participation in an Air Force band is a full-time job with very strict audition requirements. All members must have at least a bachelor's in music, and some even have Doctorate Degrees.

"Being in the Air Force band is our duty in the Air Force," Mench said. "The band is just another professional performance opportunity."

Like all Air Force recruits, band members must complete six weeks of Basic Military Training School. The band members do not attend any type of music school while in the Air Force.

Many of the band's members are thankful to have received an opportunity to be a part of the band.

Airman First Class Erick Schmitt has been in the band since August.

"I doubt I would have had another opportunity like this," Schmitt said. "The band is a great opportunity for me to travel, see new places and meet other musicians."

The band's performance consists of a variety of music ranging from symphonic to Top 40 and covers music from the Renaissance to now.

According to Jeff Mathews, NSU assistant band director, the Band of the West's concert will be beneficial and entertaining for music majors and the general student population.

"Besides being a fine performance group, the band represents our American musical heritage," Mathews said. "The second half of their performance is in a patriotic set up and is dedicated to American music."

Mathews summed up the Band of the West's concert as a "fine musical experience."

Anyone who would like additional information on the concert should call 357-4522.

Telephone and Internet registration gets mixed reviews

Gregory J. Gelpi
Contributing Writer

Phone and web registration, which began last spring, provides more alternatives to departmental registration for the diver

"We would hope that one of those options would be appropriate for a given person," President Randall Webb. "As president, and formerly as dean, and formerly as Registrar elsewhere, I have always looked at student services as best I could from the vantage point of the student."

The program provides commuters with an alternative to driving to campus to register with an advisor.

"The web registration of course should be beneficial to any environment, but it is especially beneficial when the student is away between terms," Webb said.

Although shaky at first, the phone and web registration system has been improved.

"I know we had some difficulties when first implemented it because there was need for additional testing and there were glitches that we had to identify and workout," Webb said. "Our sincere hope is that this time around the students find that it's a very and convenient way to register for classes."

Registrar Lillie Bell said that most problems occur when students incorrectly enter their pin number or social security number.

Nov. 2-20 has been set aside for advance phone registration, and Nov. 16-20 for advance departmental registration.

"That was decided to relieve pressure on academic departments," Bell said.

By spreading it out, pressure is also relieved on the phone lines. Between 18-20 phone lines are allocated for phone registration.

"We almost went down," Bell commented about last Spring's registration.

Students are having mixed reactions to the new methods of registration.

"The majority of the students are very pleased ," Bell said. "Some are still reluctant."

Some students see flaws in the new system and prefer the old way of doing things.

"It sets up getting rid of departmental advising completely," senior liberal arts major Scottie Williams said. "I like the way it was when you came and registered with your department the first day."

Phone and web registration in no way alters the advising process.

"Let me stress that we encourage the interaction between the student and his or her advisor," Webb said. "We want to encourage and promote that because that just makes for a better, more wholesome, scholarly community."

Other students, though, view phone and web registration as a change for the better.

"I haven't actually used it yet, but from what I understand it should make things a whole lot easier," Joe Rawley, junior journalism major, said.

Priority for registration is given according to class, with graduate students registering first, and freshmen last. Within each class registering is scheduled alphabetically by last name. A complete listing of the registration schedule and available classes for the spring can be found in the Spring 1999 Schedule of Classes located outside of the Registrars office in Roy Hall.

SGA Minutes

Minutes from the Senate Meeting held on 10-26-98:

Treasurer

- No report.

Vice President

- Breakfast with the president is cancelled for tomorrow.
- We need to make homecoming sign.
- Post Game reception in the Purple and White Room in the Field House for SGA, SAB and the Homecoming Court.

President

- Complimented the External Affairs Committee on the work done on the SGA/SAB "Meet the Representative Day" - need someone to do press release with picture from Angelique.
- I am waiting for the Justice report from Greg Gelpi's request.
- I would like to hear reports from the Who's Who Committee, Traffic & Safety Committee and Election Committee.
- I would like the members of the Elections Committee to work with me in securing more up to date machines and writing thank you letters.
- Shawn has my advertisement for students interested in serving on the IM Facility Planning Committee.
- Organizational grants have been received and the committee of Matt, Justin, Ja' Juan, Jamie and I need to meet Wednesday at 8 a.m.
- Invited all senators tomorrow night to the dessert reception for the Homecoming Court at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.
- I vetoed Bill No. FA98-005 concerning the Graduate Student Positions because I want us to advertise to the Graduate School first, which Shawn is doing via the Current Sauce, and I would like all constitutional amendments and bill packaged into a new document..
- Attend the Board of Regents meeting on Thursday and the Board of Regents meeting on Friday..
- Need volunteers for the SGA ITAC Committee - explained the changes.
- Explained the situation with the plans for the technological advancements in the office... five computers, one desk, two chairs, software packages, speakers and printer.
- Trash Bash Day with Club Geo on Nov. 14 during the Senior Day- talked to Jana Lucky.
- Tomorrow- need representative at 11 a.m.- telemarketing- recruiting sign-up for Nov. 11- sign up to work.
- If you are interested in going on Nov. 21 and 22 to Norheast for COSBP, please tell me.
- Interest list for COSGA in February will pass around in the coming weeks.
- External Affairs- call Dennis K to see if we have anymore pom-pons.
- Reminded people about Homecoming events.

Traffic and Appeals

- New lights for the Student Union parking lot.
- All crosswalks will be bricked soon.
- Safety at Sabine was addressed.

Internal Affairs

- The editor of the Current Sauce is leaving.

Student Affairs

- No report.

SAB Report

- Ursula Newman resigned from the Parlimentarian position.
- Homecoming Week will be full of events.

External Affairs

- Thanks for coming to Meet the Representative Day.
- Thank Chuck Weaver for food for Meet the Representative Day.
- Looking into the possibility of book rentals.
- SGA homepage- I still need senator profiles and projects list.

Academic Affairs

- We need more members.
- We also discussed the student's opinion on Fall Break.

News

News Office 357-5384

'Take me out to the ballgame'

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Football games are a time for watching and enjoying a popular sport either with friends, family or alone. For many children, however, that is just a fantasy.

In an effort to raise awareness for NCAA football and increase attendance levels for games, the University and the Department of Health and Human Performance participate each year in the national Take a Kid to the Game program.

This program offers discounted game admission to children attending the Sam Houston State football game against the Demons on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

The TAKG program used to be just for women's basketball, but due to the success, it was decided to expand the focus to include football.

This university is one of more than 100 institutions across the nation participating in this program.

The marketing campaign for the region was created by Host Communications, Inc., out of Dallas, to encourage alumni and fans to take their kids out to stadiums and arenas for the experience of intercollegiate athletics.

The University is asking local civic organizations and corporations to sponsor at-risk children by purchasing blocks of tickets at $2 each. These tickets will provide admission to the game as well as a day of fun and activities for the kids.

The organizations pick youth organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club, and designate who receives the tickets.

Games and activities are planned for the children including a punt, pass and kick competition and face painting.

The children will also have a chance to meet with players from several Demon athletic teams.

Lunch, drinks and prizes will be given to all children participating in the event.

Tickets for this special event will be available until Friday. Contact the ticket office at 357-4268 for more information.

ORGANIZATION PICTURES FOR POTPOURRI

Monday, November 2
5:30 Order of Omega
5:40 Gamma Sigma Alpha
5:50 Greek Council
6:00 Interfraternity Council
6:10 Pan-Hellenic Council
6:20 Panhellenic Council
6:30 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 Kappa Alpha Order
7:10 Kappa Alpha Psi
7:20 Kappa Sigma
7:30 Phi Beta Sigma
7:40 Phi Mu
7:50 Sigma Nu
8:00 Sigma Sigma Sigma
8:10 Tau Kappa Epsilon
8:20 Theta Chi
8:30 Zeta Phi Beta
8:40 Baptist Student Union
8:50 Catholic Student Organization

Tuesday, November 3
5:30 Alpha Eta Rho
5:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
5:40 Alpha Phi Alpha
5:45 American Chemical Society
5:50 BACCHUS / SPADA
5:55 Beta Beta Beta
6:00 Black Student Association
6:05 Blue Key
6:10 Can-Do
6:15 College Democrats
6:20 Current Sauce
6:25 Demon Sweethearts
6:30 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Club
6:35 HMT Association
6:40 International Student Association
6:45 Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers
6:50 Kappa Delta Pi
6:55 Kappa Kappa Psi
7:00 KNWD
7:05 Images
7:10 Lambda Association
7:15 Phi Alpha Theta
7:20 Phi Mu Alpha
7:25 PRSSA
7:30 Psi Chi
7:35 Rodeo Team
7:40 Rowing Team
7:45 Scholar's College Forum
7:50 Sigma Delta Chi
7:55 Sigma Tau Delta
8:00 Society for Professional Journalists
8:05 Student Activities Board
8:10 Student Alumni Association
8:15 Student Art Society
8:20 Student / Faculty Forum
8:25 Student Personnel Association
8:30 Swamp Demons
8:35 Tau Beta Sigma
8:40 Veterinary Technician Club
8:45 Wesley Westminster Foundation

Wednesday November 4
5:30 AIIP
5:35 Animal Health Technicians
5:40 Anthropology Club
5:45 Anthropological Society
5:50 Argus
5:55 Beta Gamma Psi
6:00 Circle K
6:05 Club Geo
6:10 College Republicans
6:15 Der Deutsche Klub
6:20 Diamond Dolls
6:25 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
6:30 Gavel Club
6:35 International Mass Choir
6:40 Kappa Alpha Omicron Nu
6:45 Kappa Mu Epsilon
6:50 Kappa Omicron Nu
6:55 Knights of the Roundtable Chess Club
7:00 Latter Day Saints Association
7:05 Le Cercle Francais
7:10 Los Amigos
7:15 Mu Epsilon Delta
7:20 Native American Student Association
7:25 National Association for Industrial Technology Students
7:30 National Broadcast Society
7:35 National Order of Omega
7:40 Non-Traditional Student Organization
7:45 Phi Beta Lambda
7:50 Phi Eta Sigma
7:55 Phi Kappa Phi
8:00 Pre-Law Society
8:05 Psychology Club
8:10 Public Affairs Association
8:15 Purple Jackets
8:20 Sigma Alpha Iota
8:25 Society for the Advancement of Management
8:30 Society of Physics Students
8:35 Student Government Association
8:40 Student Theatre Union of NSU

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE BALLROOM OF THE STUDENT UNION. ALL ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO BE AT THE BALLROOM 15 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED TIME.

New board members approved

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The five appointees to the Alumni Association board of directors all have one goal in mind--to continue the tradition of excellence at Northwestern by serving the University to their fullest potential.

The new board was approved last Friday at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association board of directors. The appointees are Leonard Endris, Joseph P. Cunningham Jr., Leah Sherman, James C. "Jimmy" Williams and John Ramsey.

Ginger Wiggins was elected vice president of the association and will succeed current president Tommy Chester as president in 1999.

The members were selected by the current board of directors.

Even though each board member is active in his or her own community, each has accepted the new position with enthusiasm.

"We are really pleased with the selection of our new board members," Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs, said. "They represent several geographic regions where our alumni are active, and they also represent varied Alumni Association interests. I look forward to working with them all."

Sherman, who earned her business degree from the University in 1986, said one of her primary goals is to revitalize the Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Chapter. She helped plan the first All-Greek Reunion held in September and would like to see it grow bigger every year.

Ramsey, who graduated in 1986 with a degree in journalism, views his appointment to the board as an opportunity to encourage other alumni to take a more active role with all aspects of the University.

"I believe that, just as 'all politics are local,' NSU must energize local groups and alumni chapters to be successful in the long term," Ramsey commented. "There is no reason why we in New Orleans, for example, can't assist the University with fundraising campaigns, particularly in my area."

Other board members agree that more alumni should make a personal commitment to helping students.

Williams would like to see alumni take a hands-on approach to both the University and student body by coming back to their various departments and giving students a real-life look at what happens after graduation

"I would like to see more alumni come back to classes and talk to students," Williams said.

All five board members said they consider it an honor to be selected because the University played such an important role in their lives.

Endris said attending NSU has literally become a family affair. He graduated in 1974 with a bachelor of science in wildlife management and received a Master's in science zoology in 1975.

Endris' two sons, Matthew and Paul, are fourth generation Demons who have grown up on the 50-yard line of Turpin Stadium. Matthew graduated in 1997 and Paul just began his freshman year. Paul hopes to graduate in 2002, which will be 101 years after his maternal great-grandmother graduated from Louisiana State Normal in 1901.

Cunningham, who graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of science in business, said his appointment to the board provides him with a way to serve the University as well as Natchitoches residents.

"I'm happy to be a part of the board," Cunningham said. "It's a good opportunity to keep in touch with people I haven't seen in years. Northwestern is the biggest part of the Natchitoches community."

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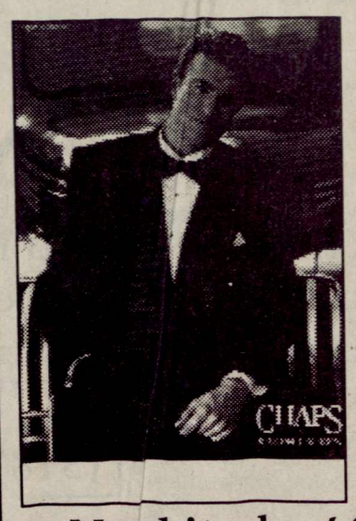

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From the Editor
Shawn T. Hornsby

Last week's letter misleading

Instead of rebutting all of the complaints made by the African-American Caucus and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, I will simply correct the most misleading claims.

The AAC and NPHC began by saying that the Homecoming court reflects a student body of primarily white Phi-Mus and Tri Sigmas. In an ideal world, the Homecoming Court would reflect the student make-up because all students would vote (ideally). Of course, this is not an ideal world and every student does not vote.

The Homecoming Court is really a reflection of the 600 students who took the time to vote.

Homecoming is an honor court where students are chosen for any number of reasons. I got the impression that the AAC and NPHC believes blacks vote only for blacks and if more blacks would have voted the court would look very different.

What does this say about the agendas of these two organizations? Are they for the promotion of equality among races or for domination by the African-American race? How much more prejudice can you be? Are they suggesting that not one African-American voted for someone of another race?

The most misleading "fact" the AAC and NPHC presented was that 60 percent of all residents are African-American. The SGA should have provided easier access to these students. If in fact their number is correct, African-Americans still make up only 22 percent of the total student body. If you crunch the numbers you find that on-campus African-Americans make up only 13.2 percent of the student body.

In other words it is totally illogical for the SGA to kotow to only 13.2 percent of students.

The election booths are a great asset to the University because many of the freshmen have never voted in these booths. It is a great learning experience for any student who does not vote regularly. Thus, the SGA keeps the machines for elections. Also, it is almost impossible to fix an election using a booth unlike paper ballots. Moving the machines is virtually impossible because the machines weigh 1000 lbs. each.

Finally, if this was the 1950's, this would not even be an issue because African-Americans would not even have the opportunity to vote.

The AAC and NPHC did not get the desired response from the letter because everyone is tired of hearing the same whining.

Homecoming Court complaint unfounded

This is my fourth year at Northwestern, and the students have never ceased to amaze me. I have served the students as a member of the Student Activities Board, worked on the Potpourri (yearbook) and have been active in many other organizations. During this time, I have never been as outraged as I am right now...not even when the students bashed SAB for things they can't and don't even comprehend, not when Danny Helms (and I know he'll appreciate this) wrote columns that would tick off a saint, not when poor little me couldn't find a parking spot, not when the financial aid department screwed me over (and if you're new here, they do that to everyone), not once did I get angry enough to write a letter to the Sauce. But this homecoming stupidity has got to stop. Before I go on, for those of you who do no know me, I am not a member of a sorority, so maybe you will be more apt to accept my opinions.

I'm truly sorry that everyone who wanted to be on the court couldn't be on it, it sucks, it really does - but, disappointment is a part of life, get used to it. Just because feelings were hurt, is no reason to intentionally cause division among the students...black, white, Asian, Hispanic, whatever you are...it doesn't matter. There is no need to make a fool of one's self in front of the entire student body as a result of not winning an election that no one will even talk about in a few weeks. For example, you know how once you get to college no one gives a darn if you were homecoming queen in high school...well when you graduate from good ol' NSU, no one will give a darn that you were on the homecoming court at a little college in the middle of nowhere. As far as the charges that the dates were never printed, well maybe some of us should read the papers again before we make accusations of that sort. **The DATES were in the paper.** Second, the elections are ALWAYS held in the Student Union. It's not like SGA decided to pull some underhanded stunt and trick everyone. It is always in the Union! Honestly, do you think they sit around and say "Hey, I know how we could get students to not vote. We'll just hide the election site in a really private place...I know, how about the Student Union."

On a more ridiculous note, and yes, it gets more ridiculous, the location of the elections has nothing to do with who voted and who did not vote. In any given election, and I am speaking of parish, state, etc., the polls do not come to you. **YOU go to the polls!!!** To even entertain the notion that SGA should tote the polls to the other side of the campus is senseless!

And where pray tell, in Iberville does the NPHC propose that SGA set up the polls? Should they put them outside on the lawn? Or should they remove tables and chairs to set up the polls there? And if that's the case, would people have to pay to get past the cashiers, into Iberville to vote? Now that is what I call "not accessible." Better yet, let's put it in Kyser. Now that was a brilliant suggestion. SGA should set up the polls in that huge lobby that's in Kyser, that would be a good place, because it would just be dumb to set up the polls in the middle of a crowded hallway. (For those of you who cannot tell the difference between being serious and being sarcastic - *that* was sarcasm)

And for Heaven's sake, leave the Phi Mu's and Tri Sigma's alone. They could have worn the whole Greek alphabet on their shirts for all I care. No matter what they had on, someone would have found a reason to complain. After all, that's what students to best...sit back and complain. After all, that's what students do best.

Oh and by the way, the majority of the girls in Varnado DO NOT appreciate seeing the NPHC's letter posted all around the dorm.

One more thing. About this contesting of the elections. Whomever wrote that letter obviously had a copy of the SGA constitution. Next time read more carefully. It is your own fault that you missed the deadline to contest. It's in the constitution.

Ursula Newman

Student confused about core curriculum

I am perplexed by Northwestern State University's rationale behind their core requirement criteria.

Journalism student are required to have nine semester hours in science. I am currently enrolled in my 11th semester hour. Why, one might ask?

I am a non-traditional transfer student who arrived here with two science and a lab (seven semester hours.) I thought I had only one more science class to take. Boy was I wrong!

According to Northwestern's core and prerequisite requirements, if a student take Human Physiology course, he or she must also take the lab. The same rule applies with Biology. I completed Human Physiology six years ago at Florida State University. Now employees of Northwestern are telling me that I need to take the Human Physiology lab in order to graduate.

I can respect that this is a liberal arts college and that the students need a good foundation. But let's get real. Is it really about producing well-rounded students, or is it about making money?

Okay, maybe I am being too harsh. Let's assume that the core requirements are necessary in most situations, but ridiculous in other. Is there not an exception to every rule? If there is not, then shouldn't there be?

Non-traditional students make up a large portion of the revenue that NSU receives. Yet, we are given no consideration at all. Sure, once in a while there is a lunch or breakfast for us. But that is paid for by our fees, and we are lucky if we hear about them so we can attend.

We deserve more, at least to be treated sensibly. My situation, for example, could have easily been fixed by the use of logic. Many professors (sorry, but I cannot mention names) agree that it is ridiculous for me to attend a lab for a class that I completed six years ago. But other schools either do not care, pretend to care, or want hide behind the statement, "If we make an exception for you, then we will have to make an exception for everyone."

Very well then, maybe this exception should be made for all non-traditional and transfer students. At least for those of us not in the science major or minor. After all, it is indisputable, journalism majors do not need most of these required labs. For that matter, neither do english majors, history majors, as well as many others. If we really and truly did, then why are they not combined with the classes as a whole, with each class counting as four semester hours instead of three?

I was under the impression that our deans are here to help us to appeal matters such as this. But when I brought this matter to Dean Hatley, the dean of Liberal Arts, he sympathized with me, but chose not to waive the requirement. When I approached Dr. Burns with the situation, he also sympathized, but chose to support Dean Hatley's decision.

I am tired of being treated like a number instead of an individual. I pay too much tuition to be treated as such. No one will frown upon this institution for breaking a rule that will contribute to the well being of a student.

Like I said before, it's all about the benjamins! It's true, money does make the world go 'round, but I do not think that Northwestern should capitalize on students who are trying to better themselves by seeking an education.

Debra Parker, Senior
Journalism student

The Naked Truth
Andrew Kolb

Is telephone registration the answer?

Northwestern is steadily trying to upgrade the technology that it offers its students. While progress is good, new is not always necessarily better.

I'm concerned about telephone registration. This is the first semester that everyone is required to register by phone or on the web.

I have registered here for seven semesters, and at least four of those times I have had some problem while registering. My advisor always was able to tell me what the problem was or was able to help me. Many times, the problem was solved in the office by a phone call and I was not held up at all.

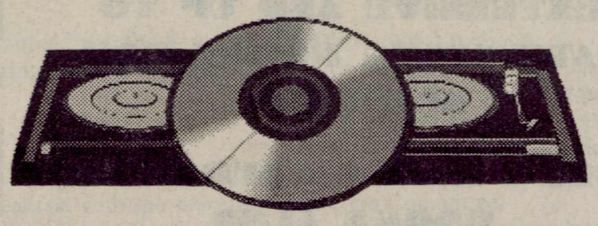
Now, if I have a problem I'll have to figure it out on my own or make a special trip to go see my advisor. I could possibly eat up a whole day getting registered.

I wouldn't be so apprehensive if I had not experienced so many problems in the past. I mean sometimes I can't even log on to the internet from my apartment. And I am expected to trust phone registration.

I can see why big schools like LSU or Southeastern need phone registration. With that many students who could possibly live 30 minutes or an hour from school (because the cities are much bigger), phone registration is convenient.

But this is Natchitoches and this is Northwestern. We are smaller and our biggest recruiting tool is that at a smaller school, the student gets more personal attention. Yet now we have to register without seeing a human.

I hope that phone registration works. In the past registration has always been pretty easy; I hope the new system works as well.



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Dan's Plan

Homecoming Court Complaints

It's your life, Live it my way

It has been a while since I have written an article, but the letter sent in last week finally gave me something to go off on.

I am referring to the letter sent in by the African-American Caucus and the National Pan-Hellenic.

I think that it is wrong of these organizations to lash out at the Student Government and the *Current Sauce*, so now I lash out at these organizations.

In the letter you whine, yes, I said *whine,* about the outcome of the elected homecoming court. All of the ladies on the court deserve the honor that the student body gave them.

The election booth was where it has been for a long time. Everyone has the same opportunity to go in the Student Union and vote. It is called being lazy, or not interested, if you did not vote.

The dates of the election were in the paper. Do you actually think the SGA just told certain people to vote? Whether you heard it through hear-say or in the paper, over 600 students voted. This is about the average vote for anything here, so my answer to you is, yes, the students were represented in the homecoming court.

In this letter both organization's state, "It is a shame that this campus in 1998 seems to reflect the same attitudes that were visible in 1950, 1960 and 1970." This is absolutely the most outrageous comparison I have ever heard.

In the 50s and 60s, the Civil Rights Movement was going on. Colleges were segregated, African-Americans were struggling for rights. Are you trying to say that the SGA deliberately planned for the homecoming court to be void of African-Americans? Were any African-Americans turned away from voting? **I think not.** Lets face it, the last time the SGA successfully executed a plan was when NSU was still called Normal State College.

As far as the SGA goes, the students voted on all members of the SGA. Look at it like a senator or congressman. You elect them, they go to Washington and do their best. They do not come out and make sure you know every little detail of what they're doing. My point is you have to show interest--not get mad at the results and try slamming the person or persons involved.

The fact that 60% of campus housing is African-American has nothing to do with what goes on at NSU. Every student is equal, whether they be African-American, White, Asian or Hispanic. No one ethnic group is treated differently. If they are, please tell me so I can bring it to light.

My point is that just because a certain group wasn't represented on the court does not mean it was deliberate. If all the SGA wanted was white sorority women on the court, they would have put the voting booth on Greek Hill. I think that every woman on the court deserves it, whether Asian, African-American, White or Hispanic.

It's prejudice to label a person by their group or skin color; the women on the court are more than just white Tri Sigma's and Phi-Mu's. They are captains on the dance line, members of the SAB, student RA's. The achievements of the 1998 Homecoming Court are endless. The women who did not make the court were just as worthy. The ones who won just happened to be white.

Sauce Columnist

Jamie Slayter

Why is weed illegal?

For quite some time now, the highly intelligent lawmakers of our country have decided to make addictive drugs like alcohol and tobacco legal, all-the-while condemning marijuana and putting the poor, little plant into the same illegal drug category as cocaine and heroin.

Does this make any sense to you? I mean, what makes marijuana so much more evil than alcohol or tobacco? Granted, none of these substances are going to be winning any nutritional awards from the Food and Drug Administration anytime soon, but if our government can find reason to make harmful drugs like alcohol and tobacco legal, then how can they possibly find reason to make marijuana illegal?

Healthwise, long-term use of alcohol can lead to liver or heart disease, peptic ulcers, hepatitis, and other such icky things. Tobacco has been proven to cause cancer of the mouth, throat and lungs. As for marijuana, there is a possibility that it can lead to the same smoking-related cancers as tobacco, but in contrast to these other drugs, marijuana is not physically addictive. In fact, it is an herb and comes straight from Mother Nature herself.

Marijuana's non-addictive nature in itself makes it much less socially destructive than addictive substances such as alcohol. Consider all of the families that have been torn apart by a parent whose alcohol addiction caused him/her to become physically or mentally abusive. How many fatal car accidents each year are alcohol related vs. marijuana related?

The U.S. Department of Health reports that alcohol-related deaths total 100,000 annually(including traffic accidents, liver disease, related violence,etc.).

Tobacco is responsible for 450,000 deaths annually. Other illegal drugs account for under 10,000 fatalities a year. Yet among all of the deaths caused by various illegal and legal drugs, there has never been a single fatality caused by marijuana.

Unlike some legal drugs, marijuana actually has a flip-side to its naughty reputation.

The cannabis plant can be very useful in making clothes, tennis shoes, rope, and all kinds of groovy jewelry.-O.K., in all fairness to the beer lovers out there, beer can be used to make some pretty good tasting "beer bread", but that is nothing compared to all of the useful advantages of the good ol' cannabis plant.

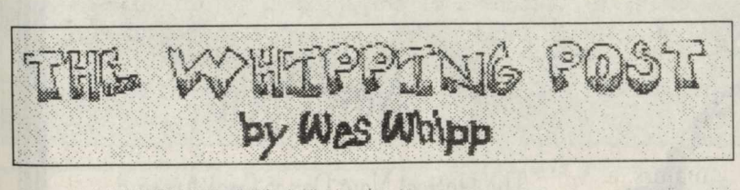
Marijuana may even have some medical benefits for victims of AIDS and cancer, according to some doctors.

So if marijuana isn't any more harmful than alcohol or tobacco, then why not make it legal? It could be regulated by laws just like alcohol or tobacco. There could be an age minimum of 21 to buy or use it, and it could be taxed the same as alcohol or tobacco.

The same laws regarding drunk driving would apply in some form or another (because of the driving impairment effects). Exceptions to the law would have to be made, of course, for the clothing manufacturers and medical professionals.-And think of all the jobs that would be created from the cannabis plant manufacturing industry! Talk about an economy boost! Marijuana could greatly benefit American farmers by giving them alternative crops to plant.

For heavens sake man, even George Washington, one of the great founding fathers of our country and first president of the United States grew cannabis. As he put it: "Make the most of the hemp seed and sow it everywhere"(1794). Now who wants to argue with George Washington?

If our government thinks that George is great enough to have his head frolic about on the front of the quarter and the dollar, then maybe, one day, they'll realize that his philosophy on marijuana ain't so bad either.



"I want to congratulate you boys--it's so refreshing these days to hear young people listening to songs about 'mothers'."

Sauce Columnist

Alex Slaughter

Pain, Trains & Automobiles

Everyone who has ever been inconvenienced by the train here in Natchitoches raise your hand. Okay, put them down. Is it just me, or is that the worst example of civil engineering you've ever seen?

I could understand, you know, once in a while. But twice in the same day, or more? And it's not just that. If you go a certain way, you can get stuck three times during the passing of one train. Does that make the same amount of sense to you as it does me? And what's up with the train actually STOPPING at times on the tracks...and then BACKING UP? At 5 p.m. on a weekday? Despite Natchitoches' low population, traffic does build up.

While some may see the train as only a minor inconvenience, it does cause problems if you have an appointment to attend to, or if you happen to have a heart attack while in your car at that particular point in time.

The thing is, why does the train have to go the way it does? It passes through four major points in the city. Who designed it that way? What engineer, in their right mind, would make train tracks pass through four major points of a city? And Natchitoches isn't that big, as we all know.

So is there a solution to this problem? Yeah, just tell the train conductors that Natchitoches is off limits as long as it remains inhabited by humans. But then, some other people somewhere else would get mad because their goods couldn't be delivered or something. Build new tracks? Okay that would take money, and I'm not paying for it. What else?

I guess just sit around and complain, and let our milk and ice cream spoil and melt in the car while the little train frolics along slowly, leaving its trail of debris in the wake...

Current Quotes

"Have you experienced racism at Northwestern?"

Freshman

Cynthia Figueroa

In Puerto Rico, all are considered Puerto Ricans regardless of skin color, and to talk about them would be like insulting one or your own. Here, talk about a different color is common.

Sophomore

Kim Powell

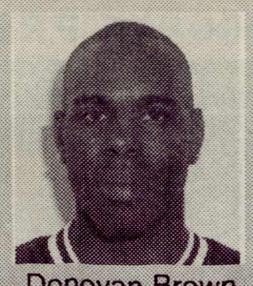
I haven't experienced any myself, but I've heard rumors in other circles. I've heard whites put down blacks and blacks put down whites.

Junior

Norman Tanner

Definitely. I'm in a black fraternity, so I get looked at differently by both whites and blacks. In addition, Asians are stereotyped as being supersmart. It's hard to live up to that stereotype. I catch it from all sides.

Senior



Donovan Brown

I haven't experienced with words, but black and white people don't talk that much. Up North, other colleges, there's no racism. Here, there's no mingling, no interaction.

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Dancing Under Glass

Brant R. Bell
Staff Reporter

ENTWINED
Dancing Under Glass
Earache Records

ENTWINED is a British metal band with wonderfully written music. All four band members are extremely talented musicians.

After listening to a few songs, I began to wonder if a metal band should have such complicated and smoothly flowing music. By smoothly flowing I don't mean soft. I am referring to the ease with which the band blends its rather heavy songs together.

ENTWINED has the basic metal instrument format: drums, guitar, bass, plus an extra keyboard. Only a few heavy bands have pulled off using keyboards, such as Dream Theater. In fact, ENTWINED seems to have modeled itself after Dream Theater in that it sets a great mood.

My favorite song on *Dancing Under Glass* is "Red Winter," about love transcending death. The guitar riffs are supercool.

The rest of the songs on the album are also pretty good. I really appreciated the musical talent, but the songs were just not easy to get into. Their sounds are a little too mechanical (over -produced).

The main problem I had with *Dancing Under Glass* is that the lead vocalist tries to sound better than he really is. He honestly doesn't have a good singing voice, but he trie like hell. His best moments are when he gets kind of loud and crazy.

So if you don't like classic, Iron Maiden-style heavy metal, then don't waste your time or money on ENTWINED. To tell the truth , I got burnmed out on some of that old stuff long ago, when big fat Reebok hi-tops and tight-rolled jeans were the happening thing.

Don't get me wrong; I love metal and I still treat my ears to some 80's stuff every once in a while. The only thing that was wrong with some 80's metal was the fake image that went along with it. You know what I mean: make-up and big hair and that all-so-cheesy Satanic crap. (If a band is confident in its music it doesn't need to hide behind an image, like Marylin Manson does today. I mean, what are you buying when you purchase a Manson CD? Music or his sick image? Personally I would love to just kick the living #%# out of him.)

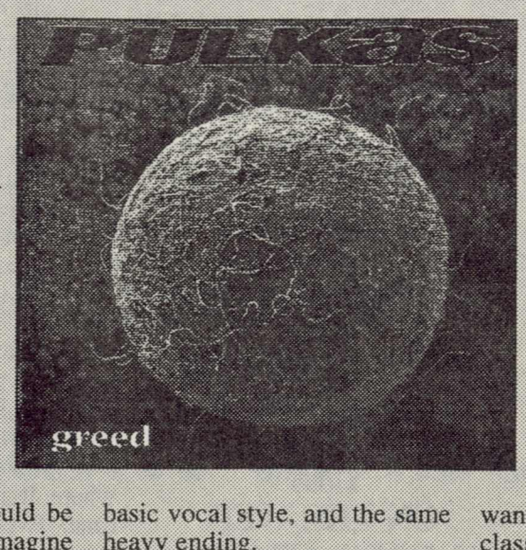
The musicians of ENTWINED have their musical acts together, though. *Dancing Under Glass* is a great example of the musical blending of four very talented men.

PULKAS' killer screams

Brant R. Bell
Staff Reporter

PULKAS
Greed
Earache Records

If you have listened to metal or alternative music in the last five or six years, you have heard a band like Pulkas. Pulkas does not break open any bag of new musical tricks with their album *Greed.*



This band delivers a powerful mixture of alternative style music with a touch of screaming metal. This combination is nothing new, but it still rocks. The best way to describe their music would be heavy alternative. Just imagine TOOL's vibe with a little more distortion and a lot more in-your -face style screaming. There are 11 tracks on the CD, but not one of them really stands out. On the other hand, none of them stink, either. Most of the songs have the same format; that is, they tend to have the same style beat, the same guitar effects, the same basic vocal style, and the same heavy ending.

One thing this band does have is a groove. The band members seem to all be on the same page. Their songs are easy to get in to.

The only thing that doesn't fit is the lead vocalist's British-like accent. Not that I'm a super patriot or anything but his David Bowie accent just does not really mix well with their heavy and sharp style. The best vocals on the CD are when the singer rips apart your speakers with a killer scream. Unlike some other bands, PULKAS does not wear out the screaming style of vocals. Some bands growl and scream from start to finish and this tends to take away the intensity of a properly timed yell in the first place.

So if you are looking to discover a different realm of music, PULKAS may not be for you. But if you want to forget about musical classifications and just blow your eardrums out with some very intense music, check this *Greed* out.

Supernatural amnesia from dc Talk

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

dc Talk
Supernatural
Virgin Records

dc Talk's latest release, *Supernatura*l, is the band's sixth release since their formation in 1989. The group has won three Dove Awards, including Artist of the Year in 1996. Their other two Dove Awards were for their biggest hit, "Jesus Freak."

Supernatural is an extremely mediocre release for a band that has been involved in Christian music for so long. They have totally changed their style from their earlier releases. Some of the music has a high-energy sound that is decent but the majority of the songs have an annoying, 80's beat.

One of the most basic factors of Christian music is lyrics. The purpose of Christian music is to glorify God and praise His name. The lyrics on *Supernatural* are very weak. Of the CD's 14 songs, the words "Jesus" and "God" are only mentioned in four songs. Listeners will really have to search this album to find any clear scriptural references. The majority of the songs will leave the listener asking,"Why is this considered Christian music?"

dc Talk does manage to redeem itself on a few of the songs. "Red Letters," a song that celebrates the words of Christ, stresses the importance of the Bible and its teachings: "What you say moves me/ Revelation come and take me/ The more I look, the more I see/ The Word of God is all I need."

I must admit, there are a few cool songs on , *Supernatural,* but for every good song, dc Talk seems to throw in two songs that reflect more of what is pleasing to the world than what is pleasing to the Lord.

The worst song on the cd is definitely "Godsend." The song is a cheesy love song that is totally inappropriate in Christian music.

I feel really bad for not praising a Christian band that has influenced so many people over the years. Sadly, it appears to me that these former "Jesus Freaks," like so many other groups, have forgotten the basis for their message and their music- GOD!

Features

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Alumni added to Long Purple Line

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

Three retiree's and two graduates were inducted Friday in the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line.

The inductees of the Long Purple Line are chosen because of their impact on NSU and Natchitoches' community. Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey, Jesse L. Boucher, Eugene Christmas, Robert F. Kelley, and Lucile Hendrick were inducted as a part of Homecoming Week.

Bailey, a graduate and retiree of Northwestern, served as a professor, department head, and dean of Graduate Students and Research before retiring in 1989. Northwestern's top faculty research award was named in honor of Bailey. Bailey, who passed away in 1995, was actively involved in the historic preservation of Natchitoches. She restored the Chaplin House and helped form the Natchitoches Historic Foundation.

Jesse L. Boucher, a 1935 graduate of the Louisiana Normal College, was elected president of the student body his senior year. After graduating, Boucher taught for two years before entering the Navy. Adter leaving the Navy, Boucher entered the Army-Air Force where he served from 1942 to 1946, leaving as a captain. Boucher was also elected mayor of Springhill and has continued to serve Northwestern as a charter member of the President's Council and and an active recruiter.

Long Purple Line inductees are:(L to R) Robert Kelley, Dr. Mildred Bailey, Lucile Hendrick, Jesse Boucher, and Eugene Christmas

One of NSU's most popular athletic figures, Eugene Christmas, served as an athletic trainer from 1964 to his retirement in 1989. Christmas, a 1955 graduate of Northwestern earned the nickname "Smiley" for his ever-present smile. He was chosen as Natchitoches' "Man of the Year" in 1976 and was inducted into the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame.

A 1958 graduate, Robert F. Kelley has held extensive titles across Louisiana. Kelley served on the Board of Governors of the New Orleans Public Library, the Board of Trustees for the Louisiana Nature Center, and the Democratic National Committee's Business Council. He is also a member of several organizations such as The Executive's Club of Chicago, the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, and the European Policy Center of Brussels.

After graduating from the Louisiana State Normal College in 1929, Lucile Hendrick taught for over a year before serving as assistant manager of the A.O. Hendrick Grocery in Shreveport. In 1959, Hendrick returned to NSU as assistant Dean of Women until 1963, when she became dean of women. She remained dean until she retired in 1974. Hendrick has been involved in various community activities such as volunteering at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Shreveport and several nursing homes in Natchitoches. She is a charter member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta and Purple Jackets.

Dr. Randall Webb believes the new inductees will continue the tradition of the Long Purple Line.

These five individuals are people who have brought great distinction and honor to Northwestern," said Webb. "We are glad to honor them for all they have done for this institution and their communities."

Dr. Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs, agrees that the five inductees represent those few individuals who continue to serve NSU throughout their lives.

"These individuals have contributed greatly to Northwestern," Horton said. "It is great that we have an honor to give to such individuals."

Guarding against the flu

David Sullivan
Health Columnist

It's the morning and you feel a little colder than usual waking up. You slip into the stall for a nice hot shower and ten seconds after the steaming hot water coats your body, you fall down. Then, you are so weak that you barely have enough strength to turn off the valve. This has happened to many people who unwittingly attempt a hot shower to remedy the sometimes chilling effects of a fever brought about by influenza, better known as the flu.

It is not too late to get flu shots. Most doctors recommend flu shots between the months of October through November which are inexpensive and can usually be injected by your family doctor.

On ABC News last month, Dr. Jose Cordero strongly encouraged those with diabetes and those of ages are 65 and older to get the shot every year because those with diabetes are six times more likely to end up hospitalized with flu complications. Also during the flu season, deaths among those with diabetes increase 5 - 15 percent and 10- 30,000 deaths occur in diabetes patients due to influenza and pneumonia each year.

There is also a Pneumonia shot (Pneu shot) available now which is claimed to be very effective in fighting viruses which lead to pneumonia, and in most people, only has to be injected once in a life time. This is available to anyone who wants it and once again is encouraged among those with diabetes and those of age 65 and over.

Many people complain that the flu shot makes them sick or actually causes them to catch the flu, but all doctors questioned report that those people are more than likely victims of bad timing, i.e. it is possible to catch the flu within 2 days of inoculation. Some people (less than 1 percent of the population) are allergic to eggs, and unfortunately the viruses for the flu shots are grown in hens eggs (and later killed) which means if you are one of these people, you may feel feverish and achy for a day after the shot but it was not reported to have life threatening effects.

All in all, with exception to pregnant women, who should consult a doctor before getting the shot, and the egg impaired, the flu shot is reported to be completly harmless to any one who does not want to catch the flu. Consult NSU health services at 357-5351 if you are interested in receiving a flu shot or a pneu shot.

Foster makes Fine Arts more than lectures

Debra Parker
Contributing Writer

Fine arts professor Chris Foster uses unique methods to entice students to learn.

"I've always wanted to approach this class from a unique angle," said Foster. "My goal is to give my students an insight of what really goes on in the theatre. Appreciation of the theatre begins with an understanding of it."

The basic structure of Foster's class has always been unique. The majority of the lecture is based on elements that bring the theatre together rather than the history behind it.

The week the lecture was about costumes, sets and props, Foster brought examples of such items to class. The props included a cape worn in the performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* that was designed on campus. They also viewed a cake prop that as made out of styrofoam and plaster, as well as a replicated rifle.

When the lecture concerned performances, Foster asked some upper class men to visit his class to perform some monologues and scenes in order to give the students a visual aid of what a performance really entails. Instead of reading about it in a text book, the students were able to view how much preparation goes into a piece that may only last a few minutes.

"Sammy Brewster and I did a scene from Hamlet, that specifically called for a fight to the death," Henry Lee Layton Jr., a senior theatre major, said. "We choreographed it and made it fit our own personal interpretations of what occurred in that fight."

Freshman Tasha Simpson enjoys having Foster as a teacher.

"He's cool and explains the information really well," said Simpson. "He broke down the theatre so I can understand it and relate to it. I really enjoyed the student actor she brought in. Class is never boring with him because he always keeps me laughing about something."

Foster says that he is receiving positive feedback from his students.

"I enjoy my students, and they seem to enjoy my lectures," Foster said. "Many of the students have recomended my class to their friends. I really appreciate that. When the students go as far as to encourage their friends to take the class, then you know that you've done your job well."

Accessibility: an ongoing battle

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

For many students and faculty, accessibility for disable students is not on their priority list. They'd like more parking spaces, completion of road construction and other things. But for those who face this everyday, accommodations are a necessity.

Northwestern is currently working on projects to help make the university more accessable to disabled students.

"Northwestern, through the years, has been developing a campus that is conveniently accessible to the physically disabled," Waddy Norman, head of the University's Physical Plant, said. "This has been done mainly with in-house personnel as time and finance are made available."

Norman also said one of the longest accessibility projects the University has undertaken so far has been the Center Campus Academic Cluster Pedestrian Plaza Project. Two phases of this project have already been completed, which totally eliminated vehicular traffic in an area between Kyser Hall, Williamson Hall and Fournet Hall, three of the University's main academic buildings.

Other projects completed or under construction are sidewalks from Roy Hall to Lakefront, Sabine Hall to Sibley Street, the infirmary to Varnado Hall, Married Student Housing, South Hall and Greek Hill. The projects with sidewalks and ramps are Kyser to Williamson, the P.E. majors parking lot, the Teacher's Ed. Center, Dodd Hall, Sabine Halland the Fine Arts building.

These changes are being made so that Northwestern can comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, often called ADA.

Other ADA projects are improvements to Dodd Hall rest rooms, eight desks for wheelchair students, handicapped bathrooms in Rapides and

Already this year sidewalks and bridges from The Columns Apartments to Caddo and updates to the elevator controls in Kyser Hall have been completed.

Elevators in Roy Hall and the Student Union, curb cuts, ramps and a pedestrian crosswalk are next in line for completion. The total expenses of the future plans as well as projects already completed total $1,116,694.

"At this time with all the construction going on, it is not very accessible. Hopefully, when everything is completed, it will be one of the more accessible campuses in this state," Jeremy Poe, Treasurer of the CAN-DO club, said.

CAN-DO is the disability organization on campus and is open to all students with or without a disability.

Here is one of the new sidewalks being built between Kyser and Williamson. This is one of the many sidewalks being constructed on campus to improve accessibility for disabled students.

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Breast cancer focused on

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

Every 11 minutes a woman dies of breast cancer. One is eight women will get breast cancer in their lifetime. It is the leading cause of cancer death among women between 15 and 34 years of age. These facts from the National Cancer Institute are a reminder why October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Women across the country are wearing pink ribbons to show their support for this month-long campaign to fight breast cancer. The United States Postal Service has issued a new postage stamp also in support of the fight against the disease. The stamp costs 40 cents instead of the usual 32 cents. The proceeds from the sale of the stamp will be given to the National Institutes of Health and to the Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense.

While a mammogram, a specialized breast x-ray, is not recommended until after the age of 35 by most physicians, monthly breast self-examinations should begin in early adulthood according to the National Cancer Institute.

How to conduct monthly breast self-examinations:

In front of a mirror:

1. Visually check both breasts with your arms at your sides.
2. Slowly raise your arms,while paying close attention for any swelling or change in your breasts or nipples.
3. With hands on hips, lean slightly forward and flex your chest muscles, again visually checking for changes.

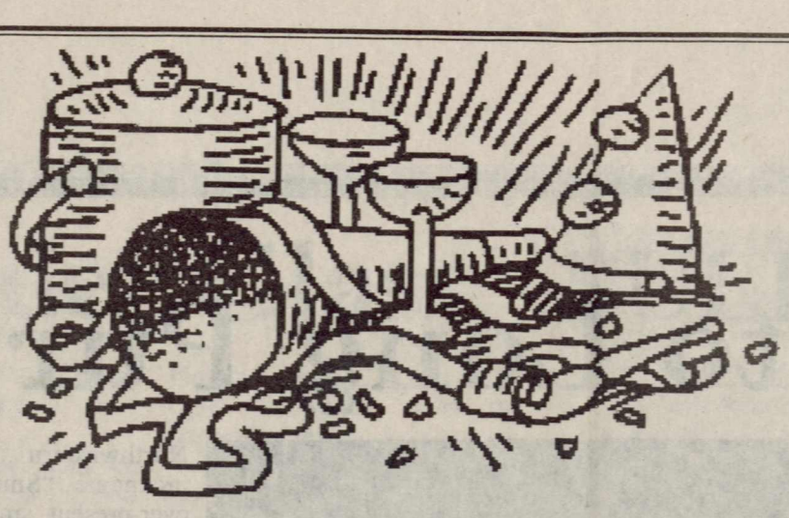
In your shower:

4. Extend right arm upward and examine your right breast.
5. Extend left arm upward and examine your left breast.

Lying down:

6. Place a pillow under your right shoulder. Put your right arm behind your head, then examine your right breast and armpit.
7. Place a pillow under your left shoulder. Put your left arm behind your head, then examine your left breast and armpit.

To take a quiz geared to specific age groups and risks or send postcards reminding others to get mammograms or conduct self-examinations, go to WWW.leading ladies.com.



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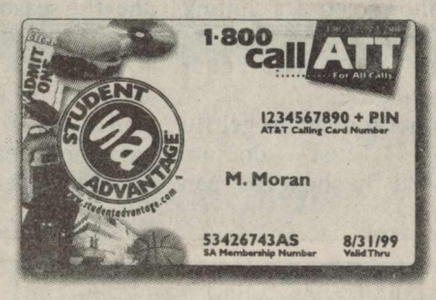

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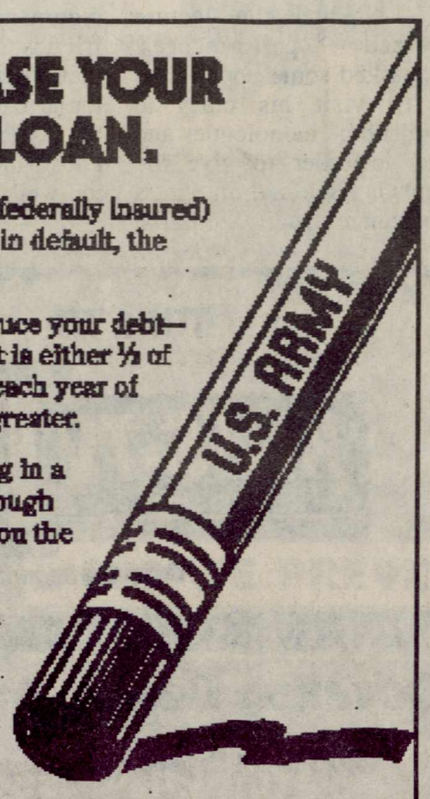

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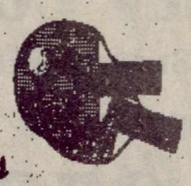

Sports

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Cross country team places fourth

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

The rainstorm that hit the Natchitoches area Sunday may have provided a soggy track for the Southland Conference Cross Country Championships but it did not dampen the mood of the NSU men and women as they both finished in fourth place in the 11-team field.

"We are not surprised at all by how well we did," NSU head track coach Leon Johnson said. "We have been running real well. We knew we could finish pretty high and we did."

Johnson said the wet conditions provided for a slow pace but did not especially hinder the NSU runners.

"The thing about the conditions is that everybody ran in them," Johnson said. "It may have hurt us a little more than the other teams because we have good track guys."

Leading the NSU men was standout Mark Keough, who finished sixth overall in the 72-man field. Keough ran the race in 26:05, pacing the men to its highest ever finish in conference.

"Overall I did very excellent," Keough said. "It was my best place so far this year against top-ranked teams. I lapped McNeese's top runner, Keith Dolan, and after that I just let my mind wander."

Finishing behind Keough and scoring for NSU was Danon O'Kelly (22), Chris Baker (29), Juan Londono (30) and Hector Andujo (35).

Baker said the wet track did affect the race, some more than others.

"The course was wet in several spots," Baker said. "I think Danon (O'Kelly) even lost one of his shoes and had to finish the race barefooted. It was wet and slick."

McNeese swept the competition, scoring 60 points to take the men's side of the draw. Stephen F. Austin was second with 83 points, followed by UT-San Antonio (108), NSU (122), Texas-Arlington (123), SW Texas (126), Sam Houston (130), Lamar (187), Nicholls (209), SW Louisiana (285) and Northeast (308).

Henrik Skoog of Texas-Arlington was the overall winner on the men's side with a time of 25:05.

Baker summed up the mood quite well for the NSU men.

"This was the best ever finish in Northwestern history," Baker said. "I am happy. We are all very happy."

The NSU women also posted a solid fourth-place finish, trailing only powerhouse McNeese, Stephen F. Austin and Texas-Arlington. Women's coach Dean Johnson was bitter-sweet about his team's finish.

"I am both pleased and displeased," Johnson said. "I am definitely pleased with our high finish because I knew we were capable of it. But at the same time I know we have the ability to be in the top three in conference year-in and year-out with the caliber of runners we have in this program."

Scoring for the NSU women were Christal Traylor (9), Jodie Gowdy (17), Chante Daily (22), Liza Mulholland (33) and Molly Wingard (35). Johnson said the this performance gives the NSU women something to build upon for next years championship.

"This meet really makes us optimistic for next year," Johnson said. "Everyone will be returning, so the possibilities are unlimited for the future."

Following the NSU women were Southeastern Louisiana (121), Sam Houston (134), SW Texas (141), Texas-San Antonio (185), Northeast (187) and Lamar (266).

McNeese showed its dominance, landing the top three women's finishers led by Sarah Salmon with a time of 17:58. Denise Brady and Sita Wary finished second and third, respectively, for McNeese.

Johnson was happy with the competition and intensity showed throughout the meet by the teams, noting the competition in the Southland Conference is outstanding.

"Overall it was a great competition," Johnson said. "This is such a great conference. NSU is fortunate to belong to such a top-notch conference."

Demons Close, But Fall Short

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

For the NSU Volleyball team, the season has had its twists and turns.

This past week was no different in two home matches against Northeast Louisiana and McNeese State.

Tuesday night, the Demons hosted the Lady Indians of NLU.

Last season, the Demons defeated Northeast here, and earlier this season in Monroe, the Demons gave an impressive run, leading in the first two games before falling. However, this time around was just quite not the same.

The Demons started quite competitively, matching NLU shot for shot in the first game, before falling 15-12. In the second game,

Northwestern struggled offensively, losing 15-3. However, they were able to regroup in the third game, out hitting the Indians in a 15-9 win.

Then in the fourth game, the Demons played well defensively, but the offense couldn't balance it out. as Northeast won the match 15-12, 15-3, 9-15, 15-8.

Lisa Abner, who has been a solid starter for the Demons the past three weeks, led Northwestern with 10 kills and 14 digs.

April Addeo contributed 10 kills and 8 digs, and Jessica Smith looked good as well, with 6 kills and a team-high 15 digs defensively. Missy Krause was solid as usual, totaling 33 assists for the match, and adding 11 digs of her own.

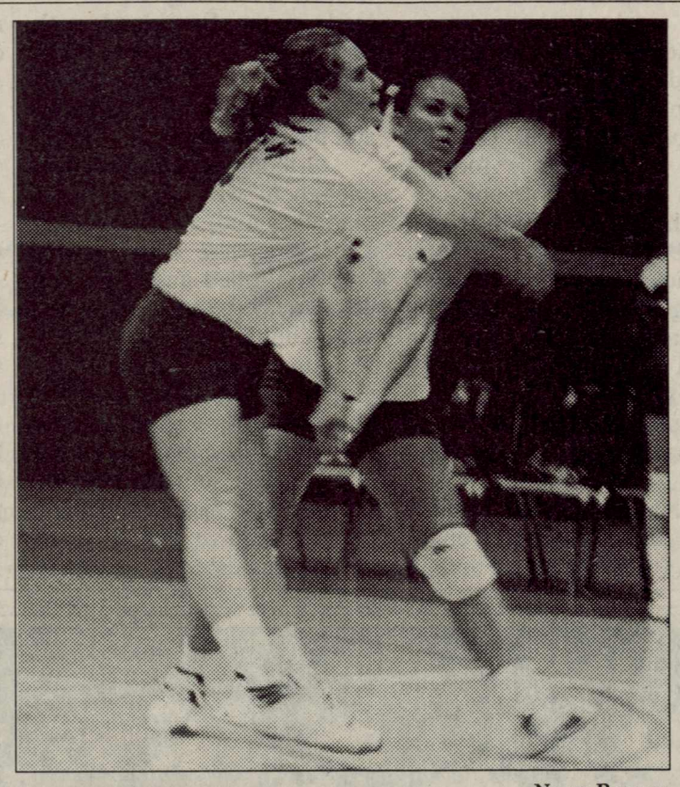
Friday night hoped to prove better for the Demons, as McNeese State came rolling into town. After all, it was homecoming weekend, the annual parade had just subsided, and as Phi Mu Alpha gave its rousing version of the national anthem to the volleyball fans at Prather, it was time to do battle.

And battle the Demons did. They matched McNeese in all aspects statistically, except the scoreboard. The Demons started well and things only got closer in the second game, forcing the Cowgirls to score 19 points to win the game.

But McNeese was able to escape with the match 15-10, 19-17, 15-5.

For the Demons, it was almost like same song, second verse. Abner continues to impress, leading the team with 13 kills and 11 digs. Addeo again was sharp as well, totaling 11 kills and a team-high 18 digs. Smith was also impressive as usual, with 9 kills and 13 digs. Krause amassed 43 assists in this one to go along with her 10 digs.

The Demons next get Grambling tonight here at Prather Coliseum at 7:00pm.



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Lori Dyer returns a serve in volleyball action for NSU.

Student Athlete of the Week

Tony Taylor
Football

The freshman tailback recorded a season high recorded a season high 161 yards rushing against the Troy State Trojans. Taylor carried the ball 23 times including a touchdown run of 41 yards. The Demons move to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the SFL

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 31
2 p.m. vs. Sam Houston

Student Athlete of the Week

April Addeo
Volleyball

The sophomore middle hitter turned in 21 kills against conference opponents Northeast and McNeese. April helped the team on with 26 digs in those two matches.

Upcoming Home Contests
October 16--Volleyball
7p.m. vs. Grambling

Brian Duval won the picks two weeks ago. Congratulations!

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___NSU at Jacksonville St.___
___Sam Houston St at SFA___
___SW Texas St. at McNeese St___
___La Tech at Arkansas St.___
___USL at Northeast La.___
___Michigan St. at Ohio St.___
___Air Force at Army___
___Alabama at LSU___
___Mississippi at Arkansas___
___Akron at Bowling Green___

NFL

___St. Louis at Chicago___
___NY Giants at Dallas___
___New Orleans at Minnesota___
___Oakland at Baltimore___
___Detroit at Philadelphia___
___Atlanta at New England___
___Indianapolis at Miami___
___San Diego at Denver___
___Buffalo at NY Jets___
___Tennessee at Tampa Bay___
___Carolina at San Franciso___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Green Bay at Pittsburgh___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

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Demons get deja vu, lose 14-13

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Goal line situations proved fatal as the Troy State Trojans budged the Northwestern State Demons 14-13 in conference football action Saturday afternoon.

The Demons got within the 35-yard line on six occasions, kicking field goals during two drives, both by Thomas Latoof. Northwestern netted 328 yards total offense to Troy's 276.

Troy State lost to the Demons last year by the same score.

This loss ended a nine-game home field and an eight-game Southland Football League winning streak. It formed a four-way tie for the lead in the Southland with Troy State, Northwestern, McNeese and Jacksonville State battling for the champion and playoff spot.

"I thought we played well enough to win, maybe better than they did, but it seemed like there were spurts where they controlled and made the difference, like at the end when we couldn't stop them," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. "They won the game. I believe if we get the ball back at the end, we would win the game somehow, but we did not get it back. They made the plays and we didn't."

Northwestern's Tony Taylor, who filled the shoes of senior tailback Ronnie Powell, rushed for 161 yards on 23 carries, his second 100-yard game of his career.

"I think I did well," Taylor commented. "The front line and fullback blocked well for me."

Senior quarterback Warren Patterson, though throwing for 155 yards, threw two interceptions capping a 51-straight passing streak without an interception.

"We came out hard but comfortable," Patterson said. "Troy was too good a team to do that with. One occasion, we put it in the red zone, but just did not execute."

The Purple Swarm acted in spurts as well as Mike Green and LaDann Thomas both led the defense with nine tackles each.

"We went out and got overanxious," Robert Daniel, a senior defensive line standout, noted. "This caused us to miss key plays. We played great but just missed opportunities."

The Demon scored on its first possession when Taylor ran 41 yards with 12:10 left in the first quarter giving Northwestern an early 7-0 lead. Taylor acquired 74 of the 80-yards in this drive alone.

"It was a 28 option," Taylor continued. "Brian and Chris Pritchett threw great blocks."

Troy State lit the scoreboard five minutes later as tailback Phillip Jones ran for 3 yards, tying the game at 7-7.

"Our offensive line really stepped up," Jones said. "They did what they had to do against a sound defense. They put 8 or 9 in the box. We used the option to get outside, and that really set up the inside game down at the end of the game."

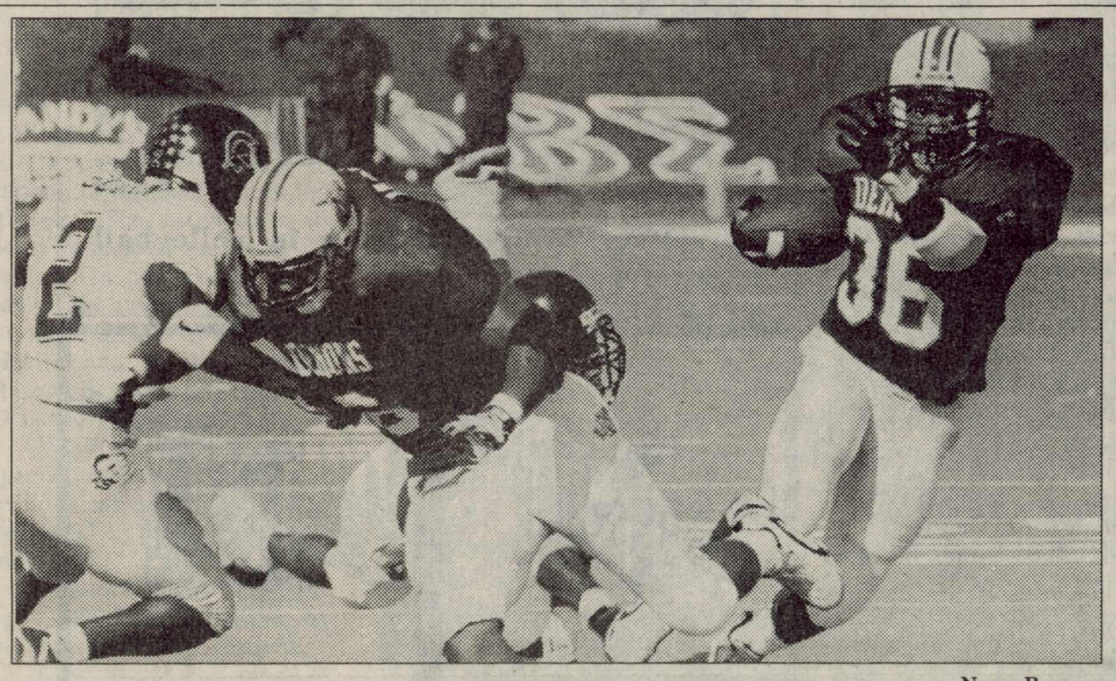
Daniel recovered a fumble by Thad Buttone on the Troy 20. The Demons moved to the Troy 14 but settled for a 31-yard field goal by LaToof at the close of the first quarter, inching the Demons to 10-7.

The Trojans took the lead 14-10 when Wayne Thomas ran a right sweep for 6 yards with 11:17 left in the second quarter.

After moving the ball to the Troy 7, the Demons had to settle for a 24-yard field goal by LaToof after losing two yards on a third-and-one situation.

Northwestern (6-2, 3-1) travels to Alabama to take on the Jacksonville State Gamecocks. Troy (6-2, 3-1) travels to Lakes Charles to do battle with McNeese.

"We told them when they went in (for the last drive) that they did not have to come out," Trojan head coach Larry Blakeney claimed. "Our offensive line and Wayne and Phillip came out and pounded it right to them."



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Tailback Tony Taylor has more than adequately filled the shoes of Ronnie Powell the last two games. Taylor has gained over 100 yards in each contest as Powell nurses an injured ankle.

Miss. St. edged NSU, soccer preps for SLC Tourney Friday

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

A shorthanded Demon soccer team lost a tough 2-0 decision to Division I-A Mississippi State on Sunday, despite holing the Lady Bulldogs scoreless in the second half and ten saves by Tiffany Swingler.

THe nonconference loss now makes today's game against McNeese more important, as the Demons (9-7-2) will need victory to clinch second place in the SLC standing.

"It was a very disappointing game, because Mississippi State is a team we can beat," Demon head coach Pete Watkins said. "even though they play in Division I-a, we still have the talent to beat them."

The Lady Bulldogs, who finished the season Sunday 3-14-1, scored both of their goals in the first 17 minutes of play, and sending 28 shots on goal to Swingler.

The Lady Bulldogs also kept the explosive Demons offense in check, especially by keeping offensive leader Amy Fulkeron occupied.

"Amy has been marked out the past couple of games," Watkins said. "Other teams know how dangerous she can be, so they have prepared to try to shut her down."

The Demons have been injury ridden, with injuries to defensive captain Janet Callahan and freshman sensation Brittany Cargill. Both are very questionable for the SLC Tournament, which starts Friday at Nacogdoches, Tex.

One of the bright spots in Sunday's loss was the return of freshman Shannon Bramble, who has not seen action since suffering a shin injury on Sept. 20.

"We're really going to be shorthanded these next couple of games.," Watkind continued. " We don't really have the depth to replace those two."

The last time the Demons faced McNeese, Cargill scored the game-winning goal in the second half. The Demons will ned somebody to step up and produce the same results in this, a must win game for the Demons.

A loss duel drop the Demons to third overall in the conference.

"We really want to win against McNeese and hopefully that will give us some momentum for the tournament," Watkins added.

And momentum they will need, as they are no longer the underdog in the tournament. As defending champions, the Demons know that a lot of expectations come with winning, and that a lot teams will have their eyes set on upsetting the champions.

It a position Coach Watkins believes his team is ready for and embraces.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS BY TERRY KILGORE

Talk about your bad football weekends. Let's start from the top.

Northwestern dropped its homecoming game and shot at an undefeated conference record to Troy State. Was this painful of what? Sitting there in the stands, you just knew the Demons were going to get that ball back and win the game. You just *knew* it.

Alas, it was not meant to be.

My main gripe is with the schedule maker. Aren't you supposed to have a team on your schedule for homecoming that is, shall we say, a pushover?

There are plenty of things going on during homecoming week that could distract players. Even the most focussed team could have problems keeping light on the task at hand.

I think the Demons needed a good dose of Arkansas Tech or Henderson State instead of a perennial powerhouse such as Troy State.

Before we start pushing the panic button, we need to realize that NSU is still in good shape. True, the Demons do need help to win sole possession of the conference championship. They are very likely to get that help as Troy must venture to Lake Charles next week to take on McNeese.

NSU needs to win out, something they are very capable of doing. If Northwestern ends up tied with anybody other than Troy State at the end of the year, they are the champs.

Switching gears a bit, hats off to the Demon cross country teams for their fourth-place finish in the conference meet Monday morning.

Head men's coach Leon Johnson and women's coach Dean Johnson do an outstanding job with the track team. This year was the highest-ever finish by the mens cross country team, and the women should be better than ever next year as they will return their entire team.

Demon Hoops get under way

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Within two weeks, Northwestern State Demon basketball will be under way.

Last season the Demons finished 10-6 in the Southland Conference, their best finish since joining the SLC. Despite the loss of seniors Ryan Bundy, Charles Duncan, Dameon McQuarters, Seth Legrand and Sam Alexander, head coach J.D. Barnett feels that speed and size will come to the Demons aid.

"We should be quicker and more able to match up and defend the type of player that succeeded year after year in the Southland — the 6-3 to 6-4 slashers," Barnett said. "We hope the guys we are bringing in will recognize their opportunity, demonstrate the toughness and mental alertness that will earn them playing time, and take on the challenge that faces our program to be competitive in the conference."

Returning from last season is sophomore guard Alann Polk, who started in three games and is the top scorer with a 6.3 average. Also on hand to help out is backup point guard Josh Hancock, who averaged 2.9 points per game, had 50 assists, 43 turnovers and 25 steals in 27 games. Finally, coming back from last year is Charles Thompson who had a 48 percent shooting percentage.

The Demons also have some newcomers to back up last year's veterans.

The head of the recruiting class is Richard Taylor. The 6-3 perimeter player averaged 18 points, nine rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals, leading Faulkner State Community College to ranking in the Top 10 in scoring rebounding and assists. When stepping to the free throw line, Taylor had a 70 percent aim.

Other top newcomers are forwards Kenton Fisher and Jerrold McRae, Jr. and guard Ryan Duplessis, all juco transfers.

Barnett earned his 300th division one coaching win last season. He is best known for forging the careers of Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith, Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders, and Tim Floyd, coach in waiting of the Chicago Bulls.

The Demons begin exhibition play on Nov. 9 when they play Vasda USA. Then they take take a long road trip, stopping at Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, and Grambling before playing Louisiana Tech, Belhaven and Louisiana College at home.

Conference play begin s for the Demons Jan. 4 when they play Sam Houston State.

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Students by day; officers by night

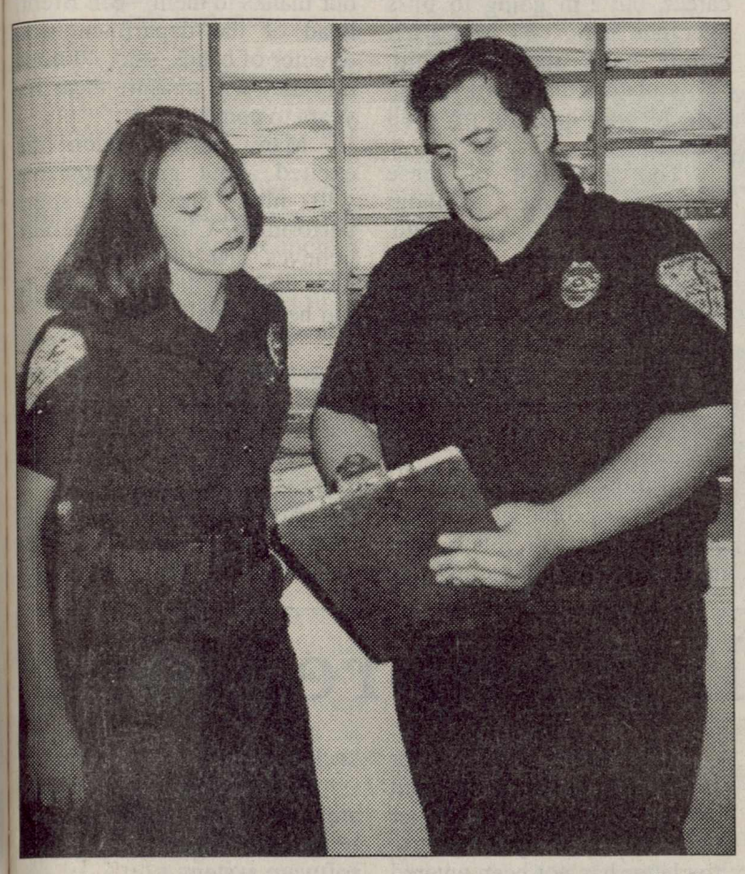

Photo by Courtney LaCour

Officer Sonia Chavez, senior criminal justice major, and Officer David McFarland, junior hospitality, tourism and management major, are part of the Natchitoches City Police Reserve Unit.

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

While most students learn about their future careers in the classroom, one group of students is using real-life experience to gain knowledge of their chosen fields.

Several students are officers in the Natchitoches City Police Reserve Unit, which is used as a supplement to the city police department.

These officers are given the same responsibilities as full-time officers, including patrolling and making arrests. The only difference, however, is that reserve officers work on a strictly volunteer basis.

"The only difference is [the full-time officers] get a paycheck," Jesse Taitano, unit commander of the Reserve Unit, said. "We basically do everything the regular police officers do."

Taitano, senior criminal justice major, has been a part of the unit for more than two years. He said those interested in becoming a reserve officer must undergo 280 hours of local instruction.

This instruction provides people with intensive training in all aspects of law enforcement, including its history, the use of firearms and other weapons, ticket writing and paperwork.

Once they have completed their training, these officers are required to work at least 20 hours a month. This includes patrolling area football and basketball games, various community events and the Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

Even though being an officer requires a great deal of hard work and dedication, students said it gives them invaluable experience that they cannot learn in the classroom.

Roger Herrington, senior general studies major, has been an officer in the Reserve Unit for a year-and-a-half. He said being a part of this unit has helped him gain important skills that he can use for any career.

"I have a strong interest in law enforcement," Herrington said. "I've learned a lot about the community and how to deal with all kinds of people."

Sonia Chavez, senior criminal justice major, is one of the newest officers in the unit. She said she decided to become a reserve officer because it would be an excellent opportunity to get a first-hand look at her chosen field of study.

"This is giving me a lot of experience," Chavez said. "This teaches you how to deal with the public, street smarts and how to survive. This will help me in my future career because I'll already have the training for survival, firearms, et cetera."

Those students who are not studying law enforcement find the Reserve Unit to be a unique chance to learn important people skills.

David McFarland, junior hospitality, management and tourism major, said being an officer has given him a deeper respect for police officers that he did not have in the past. He said he became an officer because he wanted to give back to the community.

In fact, Taitano said if it was not for the 33 officers in the unit, the police department would have to spend a great deal of money on hiring full-

Thomas resigns amidst recording controversy

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate recently underwent changes as Fleming Thomas, the senate's secretary, resigned unexpectedly in the midst of questions concerning his style of writing minutes.

"The greatest tragedy I could conceive for the faculty senate in my tenure on it, and especially as its president, is the loss of our colorful, efficient, effective, aggressive and opinionated secretary by sudden resignation," Dr. William Swain, president of the faculty senate, said.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a dead issue," Thomas said.

Thomas, secretary for almost eight years, documents the senate's meetings in an unorthodox manner by interjecting his own comments into the minutes.

"In the minutes of the September meeting, a round Anglo-Saxon oath appeared as a means of expressing secretarial frustration with a particular issue," Swain stated.

Since many faculty members are unable to attend the senate meetings, the minutes are distributed.

"The appearance of a cuss word in the minutes happened to coincide with the accreditation team's visit to the college of nursing," Swain said. "It was at that point that the secretary, apparently finding himself embarrassed by the discussion of his style of writing the minutes, suddenly resigned and left."

At the time, Thomas gave no indication as to why he was resigning.

"I RESIGNED ALL BY MYSELF FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY. I CANNOT WRITE AND LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER AT THE SAME TIME, WONDERING IF I'M ABOUT TO WREAK DISACCREDITATION ON SOME POOR COLLEGE OR DIVISION," Thomas stated in an e-mail.

"I want to make it very plain that no one in the senate took any action against Mr. Thomas," Swain said.

The senate had mixed emotions about Thomas' minutes.

"Numerous people, and especially I, as senate president, have sought repeatedly to persuade Fleming not to resign, but to continue as secretary of the senate," Swain said.

"I encouraged him to reconsider his resignation," Dr. Richard Jensen, senator from the Louisiana Scholars' College, said. "Whoever is secretary usually gets criticized for one thing or another."

Some members of the State Board of Trustees follow the activities of the faculty senate simply because of Thomas' unusual writing style.

"During the brief discussion, a number of senators, and I as senate president, expressed support and appreciation for the job Fleming was doing, and for his style in writing the minutes, which has attracted the attention and readership for the minutes in places advantageous to us, including Baton Rouge," Swain said.

"Correct parliamentary procedure is so restricting, don'cha think?" stated Thomas in the minutes from a past meeting of the Senate.

Thomas also included personal comments in his minutes.

"Carl [Jones] probably ate a box of Tums for dinner," he stated, for instance.

Thomas not only reported the business, but often critiqued it as well.

"Arms were going up and down like a bunch of cheerleaders at a winning foo'bawl game," stated Thomas.

Thomas described his writing style once in the minutes.

"It is has been my tradition for these past several years to try and keep the faculty senate minutes in a way that will both entertain and encourage you to read them. I have, admittedly, taken some small pleasure in writing about the foibles of the academic mind, which, when unleashed outside the classroom, seems capable of reflecting some other curious attitudes," stated Thomas.

Although Thomas has resigned as secretary, he will continue to work with the faculty senate in the area of healthcare.

The secretarial position will be filled at the senate's next meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

"In short, an NSU faculty senate bereft of its distinguished secretary and his minutes is a Senate bereft of a force that distinguishes it from the ordinary," stated Swain.

Homosexuals need to be treated fairly

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

What some students may not have known is that there is a minority of gays and lesbians on campus.

Those students, like heterosexual students, must deal with academic and social pressures associated with college life, except with a twist.

For many gays and lesbians on campus, their social lives revolve around hanging out at their own homes or at houses of friends and going to gay bars.

"It's sad that the only place that we can feel safe is at a gay bar," Bruce Boeling, *president* of Lambda, said.

Others share Boeling's belief.

"I feel safe behind the wall of a gay bar," said a student who asked to remain anonymous.

Lambda, the University's organization for gays, lesbians and homosexual rights supporters, offers many of these students a sense of normalization. For some students, Lambda helped them to openly admit their homosexuality.

"It gave me a good reason to reinvent myself," said one student of the organization.

Boeling stressed the fact that the group also dealt with the true nature of homosexuality.

The incident that resulted in the murder of Andrew Shepard in Wyoming on National Coming Out Day has struck fear in the minds of many of the University's homosexual students.

"Having people know that I'm gay puts me at risk," Boeling said.

The affection between gay couples is the same as that between their heterosexual peers.

In addition to the Wyoming case, a few incidents that have occurred on campus and in Natchitoches have had a significant affect on the students' sense of safety.

"I'm from France, but here in the United States, I've noticed that being gay or lesbian is not really accepted," Anne LeBarbu, junior, said. "Perhaps that's why there's so much controversy."

About two or three years ago, a student wearing a shirt acknowledging her bisexuality was struck by a male student.

This occurence is isolated at the University in its outright violent nature, but some students have admitted to being verbally attacked.

Because of the nature of the issue and brutality that can occur, many of the homosexual students on campus refrain from any type of public displays of affection toward their partners.

"Public displays of affection are almost not allowed," Boeling said.

The issue of whether homosexual and bisexual students should be allowed to display public affection or continue to live in obscurity is a question that can only be answered by the students and community.

"It doesn't really bother me; they have the same rights as heterosexuals, so they should be able to do what they want," David Skoug, freshman, said.

However, some students, like Sonya Hall, feel differently.

"I don't really feel comfortable being around gays and lesbians for extended periods of time, but I still feel that they should be treated like everyone else," Hall said.

Senior Day to be held this Saturday

Donald Gervais
Contributing Writer

This Saturday, high school students and parents will be treated to a bus tour of the campus, a view of campus housing and "Shop'til You Drop" at Wallace's bookstore as part of Senior Day. The guests will be given the opportunity to attend the football game against Sam Houston State.

Applications for admissions from the seniors "are encouraged, although we will not process the enrollment until they graduate" Jana Lucky, admissions and recruiting director, said.

The students will receive a reply of tenative admission this spring if they sumbit their application at Senior Day. Applications for admission will be accepted as late as fall registration.

Senior Day is an important part of the recruiting effort. The recruiting staff concentrates on Louisiana, East Texas, South Arkansas and West Mississippi.

"The University accepts all students with open arms," Lucky said. "Our recruiting goal is 2,000 freshmen for next year. We will continue to have open enrollment and, at the same time, maintain a high academic reputation. Students potential to succeed in college should not be based on a particular test score."

Seniors and their parents are asked to make reservations by calling (800) 426-3754 (in-state), (800) 327-1903, or 357-4503 locally.

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Student Government Association: Two senator positions are available for graduate students and one Senator at Large position. For information, call 357-4501 or come by room 222 in the Student Union. Six to eight students are needed for the Student Advisory Committee to the IM Planning Council. Freshmen and sophomores are preferred because the committee will meet until the completion of the IM renovations.

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union every week. The last day for SAB applications is Nov. 20, at noon in room 214 of the Student Union. Election day is Nov. 23.

Hurricane Mitch Relief: Lesa Thompson and Jennifer Long of the Department of Journalism are collecting items to send to the aid of Honduran victims of Hurrican Mitch. Please bring canned foods, can openers, blankets, clothing, over-the-counter medicines and other items to room 108 of Kyser Hall before 4:30 p.m. Friday. No donation is too small. 600,000 homeless people are in dire need of your help.

Kappa Delta Pi: A clothing drive will be held for underprivileged children in Natchitoches beginning Nov. 16. New or nearly new clothing can be brought to Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. Those who are interested in beginning the season of giving are welcome to decorate the Christmas tree in Pod B of the TEC on Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (318) 357-5553.

Registrars' Office: Faculty registration will be held from November 16-20.

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Anthropology Club: Meeting today at 3 p.m. in the archaeology lab, room 212 Kyser.

Rowing: The NSU Rowing team's Fall 1998 race schedule: November 14--Championship Rowing Marathon--attended by as many as 300 participants from all over the nation; November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

The International Student Organization: Please bring recipes for the International Food Fair which will be held on Nov. 18 in Iberville. For information, call 354-2381 and ask for Diter.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Please don't forget our Arthritis project has been moved to Nov. 19. If you have any questions, call Kelli Hearne. Get prepared for a great semi-formal this Friday! Don't forget composite pictures are scheduled for Nov. 17. Have a great week!

Phi Mu: Congratulations to Sarah Debroch for receiving committee head of the week. Also, we have many up coming events, four exchanges, two community service projects and semi-formal. Make sure to attend IM games, meetings and sisterhood events.

Sigma Nu: Congratulations to David Gunn for becoming Senate Chair on the S.G.A.

Band, spirit group seniors honored

Debra Parker
Contributing Writer

Some of the University's band and spirit group members will receive a plaque at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

The festivities will take place at Turpin Stadium during the last home game of the season. The students will be recognized during the pre-game show but will not actually receive the plaques until after the game.

The students who will receive the plaques are graduating senior band and spirit group members who attended the University for at least three years.

"I'm excited about ending this part of my educational career, but I'm going to miss everyone here," BJ McCarter, senior band member, said. "This plaque that I worked so hard for will hang on my wall forever."

The awarding of these plaques came about approximately 10 years ago. The custom began when the Department of Creative and Performing Arts saw the Athletic Department awarding plaques to the football players and realized that their members deserved the same kind of recognition.

"I think the band members and all the people in the spirit groups invest so much time traveling and practicing that this is just a small memento of our thanks to them," Bill Brent, head of the department and director of bands, said. "I hope that they will treasure them for years to come."

Many of the seniors are excited about graduation but will miss the years spent performing. Cherissa Legendre believes that the plaque is a nice way for the University to bid her farewell.

"I'll probably cry," said Legendre. "The Marching Band has made my college career more fun than I could ever have imagined. The plaque is a really nice gesture."

Brent said he would like all students to come and show support during the presentation.

Late pell grant reasons

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Students rely every semester on pell grants. For some, this is the only reason they are able to attend college.

This semester, however, it has been thought that pell grants are extremely late, and students are wondering why.

Kenn Posey, associate director of the financial aid office, said there are several reasons for this.

"We must operate on deadlines," Posey said. "We have to go through the Federal Department of Education. We must also make sure the student is eligible."

Posey estimated that the financial aid office gets about 325-400 pieces of mail every day. Each piece of mail or information letter for grants must be entered into the computer.

If a student gets another information letter in the mail asking for corrections or other information, it may be because the letter has not been entered into the computer yet.

Posey also said paperwork is the main cause of late pell grants.

Pell grant amounts were increased to $3,250 this year. It was proposed at $5,000 but did not get up that far.

Students are encouraged to turn in their information before the deadline, which was May 1 of this year. Any information turned in after the deadline was looked at and entered into the computer late.

If corrections must be made, it takes longer because the letter must be sent back or another letter must be sent. This is true for students who send their information by the deadline. But, if corrections must be made, it will be sent back faster.

Another reason pell grants are late in the computers is because of the new computer software system.

"One thing Northwestern does that other schools do not, is give students promissary notes at fee payment," Posey said. "This means that if the computer doesn't have their pell grant listed in their file, they just have to get a promissary note to get through fee payment with the intentions that a pell grant is expected and on the way. Other schools will make students pay the remaining balance upfront at fee payment. We are the only school in Louisiana that doesn't. We work diligently with the students to get a majority of the students who need financial aid taken care of."

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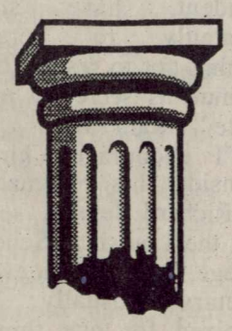

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News

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Technology fees open another lab

This lab is only one of the four opened by technology fees this year

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

The grand opening of a new computer lab in Watson Memorial Library was held Friday.

This new lab, like other labs around campus, was paid entirely by student technology fees. Each student is charged $5.00 per class taken up to 20 hours. Over $110,000 was used to provide this new lab.

The computer lab provides many services to students and faculty. One of the main services is Internet access. The lab also has computers that are programmed with the latest Microsoft office system, Office 97.

There are over 40 computers located in the lab. Each computer is connected to the University system. There are also two rooms that are connected to the lab which are still under construction. These rooms will provide several other technological services to students and faculty.

Some of the instruments will be scanners, projectors, monitors and other various tools. The lab will also have a projection screen so that professors can bring their classes the latest technology available.

There are several opinions surrounding this new lab. Some students believe that it is a good thing because the University needs more computer labs.

"It is really helpful, and the assistants are eager to help us," Laura McMillian, a freshman who was using the lab, said. "It is really convenient to register for classes using the Internet services."

Other students think that the student technology fees should be used on other things that will benefit students who already have computers at home.

"I have a computer at home, so I don't use the labs," Ashley Beason said. "I think that they should use the money on technology that everyone can use."

"I was a student at one time, and I know the feeling of wondering if students really do come first," Mark Hill, student technology support specialist, said. "But now that I'm on the other side, I can see that the University is really trying to do things that will benefit the students."

These labs are part of a long project to provide better services to students.

"We want to show [students] that they do come first," Hill said. "If anyone has new ideas for what the fees can be used for, they need to tell their advisors, and the advisors will let their department heads know. Everything will go down the grapevine, and more services will be provided as time goes by."

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Students have wasted no time taking advantage of their new computer lab. Money from the technology fee paid for the new 30-station lab. Four other stations now undergoing finishing touches will soon feature multi media resources.

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time officers. He said the Reserve Unit is also a good source of *potential* full-time officers. Taitano estimated that 75 percent of the full-time officers at the police department were at one time reserve officers in some unit.

Cpl. Robert Teta, training director of the unit, said being a reserve officer is a great learning experience for all people, especially those students who are interested in law enforcement. Teta, himself, was a reserve officer for six months before being hired as a full-time officer for the police department.

"Being a reserve officer is an excellent way to find out about the job," Teta said.

The police department is looking for both men and women who are interested in joining the Reserve Unit. Anyone interested in applying for a reserve officer position can pick up an application at the Natchitoches City Police Department at 400 Amulet St.

Taitano said the application process is the same as that of a full-time officer, which includes a drug test and a check on a person's background and driving record.

Applicants must be at least 18-years-old and also meet certain physical requirements. Applications must be turned in by Dec. 15. The tentative date for the training session is set for March 1, 1999.

SGA strives to lower book prices through swap program

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

A proposal by the Student Government Association may help to lower the high prices students have to pay for books.

According to Greg Gelpi, SGA external affairs chairman, the University has two options that could help lower text book prices.

The first option is an on-line book exchange. The exchange services would be provided by bookswap.com. Bookswap.com offers their services free to all universities in exchange for advertising. The company would link directly to the SGA home page.

The book swap programs have been successful at major universities like Penn State and Texas A & M.

The second option that is available is book rentals. Instead of students purchasing books from the bookstore, they would rent them. This program has been successful at Southeastern Louisiana University.

There are several problems with this option. One of these problems is that the University does not own Wallace's Bookstore. It is leased from Northwestern. Also, in areas where the book rental program has been successful, there were no other bookstores serving the campus.

According to Mary Edith Stacy, director of auxiliary services, the bookstore does not think the program is feasible.

"I have looked at it, and Wallace's is looking into it," Stacy said. "But the bookstore does not see the program as being profitable."

The SGA is waiting to hear students' input before they make a decision about a book exchange option.

"Ultimately, the decision is up to the University," Gelpi said. "I think it will be a success if students participate."

According to Gelpi, if student feedback is positive, the book exchange program could be functioning in a matter of weeks. If the students prefer the book swap option, bookswap.com could be linked to the university within 24 hours.

Many students are skeptical about whether the program will ever be implemented at the University.

"Anything that will save us, the students, some money is wonderful." Cassie Griffin, junior radiological technology major, said. "But coming from NSU, I'm skeptical that it will ever happen."

Any students who have questions or comments about the book exchange options should contact the SGA office at 357-4501.

Anyone wanting to help send aid to the Honduran victims of Hurricane Mitch can bring in canned food, over-the-counter medicine, clothing and personal items to the journalism department, room 108, in Kyser Hall. We will be collecting donations until 4:30 p.m. Friday. No donation is too small. Everything collected will be sent by boat directly to the Honduran islands, off of the mainland, where government aid may not reach.

Heart-felt thanks go out to everyone who has taken part so far: Kevin Brough, Jennifer Long, Dr. Ron McBride, Michelle Pichon, Clara Gerl, Becky Farbarough, the Durr family, Rocky Mount Church, Emerson and Nettie Cooper, Dr. Lisa Abney, Dr. Suzanne Green, Don and Liz Cooper, the Simmons family, Dr. Ray and Mrs. Susan Wallace, Tim Long, Brent and Melissa Carpenter, KNWD, Kris Hailey, Patricia Tilley, Kellie Jones, Sean Woods, Dr. Tom Whitehead, Gail Henderson, Joni Naquin, Amy Callahan, Cindy Warren, Sherilynn Byrd, Andrew Martin and anyone whose name may have inadvertently been left off of the list. Thanks for giving!

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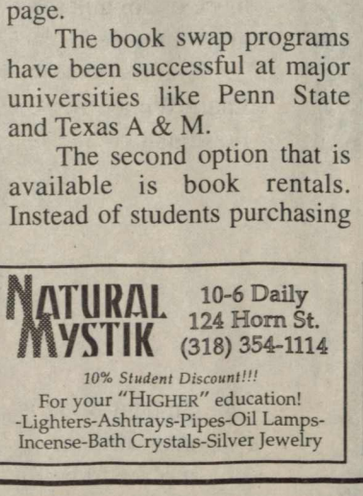
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Features

Display showcases students' skills

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Students enrolled in Bette Howell-Maroney's Merchandising 3200 class are applying what they have learned in the classroom to parts of the university.

The 16 students in Howell-Maroney's visual merchandising class created a unique hat display that was showcased in the Alumni Center during Homecoming week.

The display, entitled "Hats off to Homecoming," provided students with an opportunity to put their newly-acquired skills into action as well as offer people a unique look at the university's history.

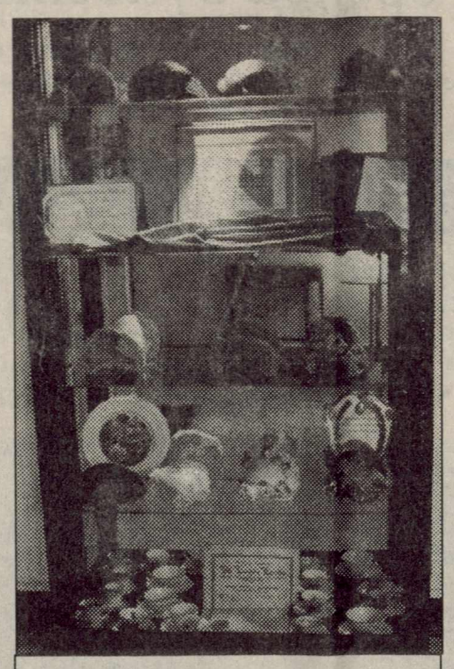
The display was recently moved to the Cammie G. Henry Research Center on the third floor of Watson Library, where it will remain through December. By moving the display, a wider selection of hats can be shown to the public.

Howell-Maroney, an assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, said her class tried to find hats that dated back to 1884, the year the university was created. Even though no one could find hats that dated back to the 19th century, Howell-Maroney said there were some from the 1920s.

She said approximately 35 hats had been on display at the Alumni Center, which included both men's and women's hats that ranged in color and style.

Some of the hats were donated from alumni and members of the community; however, most of the hats came from the university's costume shop in the theater program.

Howell-Maroney said one of the most interesting aspects of this project was getting to listen to the various stories that went with each hat.



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Hats such as these donated from alumni are part of a display in Watson Library.

Every year, Howell-Maroney has her class do at least one major project. In the past, students have put on a fashion show and have helped with local fairs and carnivals. She chose to do a hat display this year because she said hats are making somewhat of a comeback. However, she admits that hats will never be as popular as they once were because society and lifestyles have drastically changed.

"Many people don't know how to wear hats, or they feel awkward in them," she said "It's now become more novel to wear hats."

The display also gave a unique look at Homecoming traditions. One thing the display helps explain is why members of Homecoming courts, in particular those from the South, still wear hats.

"Hats have always signified a place or position of royalty, elegance, leadership, or however you want to look at it," Howell-Maroney said. "At the Homecoming game, if nothing else, the hats identify the members of the Homecoming Court."

Besides learning about the world of merchandising, Howell-Maroney believes the class gained valuable skills that can be applied to the real world. She said this project gave her students a sense of team work and responsibility. Creating a display also required students to use their imagination, creativity and skill.

Heather Ragsdale, a senior fashion merchandising major, served as the coordinator for the display. She was responsible for organizing the students, assigning various jobs and sketching how the hats would actually be displayed.

Ragsdale said both she and the class learned a great deal about visualization from this project. In fact, she pointed out that the visual merchandising students can use what they learned from the hat display in their individual projects, which is a requirement for the class.

"We definitely learned the positive and negative things about visual merchandising," Ragsdale said. "Even though I've already taken this class, I learned a lot."

Noted conservationist speaks at NSU

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

As a part of the annual fall meeting sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, conservationist Neville Agnew spoke Tuesday at Northwestern about his experiences with the conservation of the hominid footprints found in Laetoli, Tanzania.

Agnew, who is the group director of information and communications of the Getty Conservation Institute, was a lead in the conservation of the footprints in Tanzania. The footprints were first discovered by Mary Leakey in 1978. After several years of research and documentation, Leakey decided to rebury the footprints in an effort to preserve them.

In 1995 another group of conservationists, led by Agnew, decided to reexcavate the site to determine if any damage had occurred since 1978. Although the footprints did not have extensive damage, roots of trees had begun growing over the prints, causing damage in some parts of the site. The conservation group, funded by the Getty Conservation Institute, worked for three years examining the footprints and trying to find a way to successfully rebury them.

Agnew described the task of reburying the prints as a "painstakingly, detailed job."

Agnew, a chemistry and geology graduate of the University of Netal in South Africa, believes the discovery of the footprints was a turning point for conservationists.

"The prints represents a rise of humanity," Agnew said. "Being a part of the excavating of the site was almost a religious experience."

Agnew stressed the importance of including the local communities in the excavation process. When the team of conservationists began work on the Laetoli site, they involved the local communities by allowing them to view the excavation process. The chief of the local tribe blessed the sites to show his tribe's support of the excavation. Dr. Tommy Hailey, professor of anthropology, agreed that involving the native cultures is very important when excavating a site.

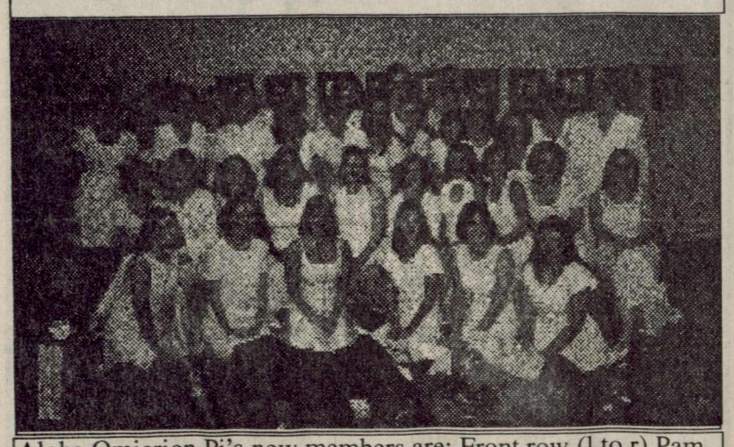
"Incorporating the local populations is very important," Hailey said. "They will be less likely to damage the site if they understand and appreciate the reason for the excavation."

Agnew also discussed the importance of using technology from previous sites to further the excavation process, such as the information documented in Leakey's 1978 excavation of the Laetoli site .

"I was glad he stressed using outside sources," Dr. Hiram Gregory, professor of social sciences said. "I hope my students picked up on his advice."

Agnew's work on the Laetoli footprints was the topic of an article in the Sept. 1998 *Scientific American*. The magazine described the work on the footprints as "vividly evoking."

Campus Spotlight: Alpha Omicron Pi



Alpha Omicrion Pi's new members are: Front row (l to r) Pam Hoss, Jill Worth, Sara Vaughn, Christine Primm, Michelle Harvey, Tracy McIntyre. Second row: Amie Stennett, Brandi Williams, Susan Prescell, Keisha Savoy, Laura Beeman, Nicole Shreve, Melanie Messick, Stacy Catron, Sophia Froshee, Ashley Ryder. Third row: Charnee Mudd, Kristi Hanes, Lisa Coleman, Amber McKnight, Kelli Morse, Melissa Tribble, Jessica Alligood, Alissa Hayes, Tiffany Hennigan, Amanda Gauther, Amanda Bresset. Top row: Crystal Ware, Heather McCardle, Michelle Langley, Nikki Trahan, Nikki Didelot, Nichole Laborde, Dusty Rhodes. Not Pictured: Ginny Mcneil.

Andrea Lemoine
Contributing Writer

The Kappa Chi Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi initiated 84 women on Saturday, November 6, 1998, at Holy Cross Church. After a ten week new member orientation program 35 women were welcomed into the international women's fraternity. BRIDGES, which stands for Building Relationships and Ideals, Developing Goals and Enriching Self, is the new member program of Alpha Omicron Pi which includes lessons on AOII history, policies, philanthropy, and background.

Newly initiated members of Alpha Omicron Pi are also responsible for planning the Homecoming Lip Sync as well as a special Big Sister-Little Sister potluck dinner which included new members cooking dinner for the older members, as well as presenting them with a gift. The new member class chose to do this as a surprise for their big sisters.

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded on January 2, 1897, at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City. Kappa Chi Chapter was founded on January 25, 1997, making it the Centennial Chapter of AOII. Currently Kappa Chi Chapter has approximately 70 members. Alpha Omicron Pi has 172 chartered collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada.

"Current Quotes"

"What do you think about the nightlife in Natchitoches?"

"You can go bar hopping and have fun, but there's really no place to go, unless you go to a movie."

Laura Wimberly
Freshman

"The bar scene is getting old because it's just a bunch of guys looking for freshman girls."

Jenny Stevens
Junior

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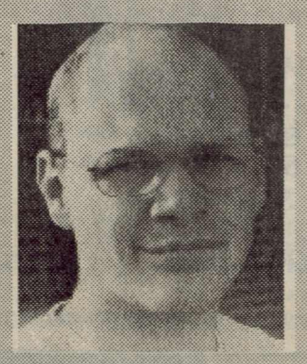
Roy Youngblood
Sophomore



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Surreal landscapes of *El Oso*

Mike Boyd
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Soul Coughing
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Soul Coughing's third album, *El Oso*, shows this New York group are still at the top of their form. When it comes to alternative rap-rock, no one else even comes close to topping them.

El Oso takes us on a surrealistic ride through a world of dreams and nightmares. The album is filled with images of roller-skating waitresses, stalled cars, and Eskimos waiting for you at the station. It forms a truly unique view of life and love through the eyes of lead singer M. Doughty as he flows from track to track, spouting transcendental half-sense and nonsense.

The lyrics themselves, though sometimes repetitive, are wonderfully infectious to the point where you find yourself singing them aloud unconsciously.

The music forms a perfect background to Doughty's crooning dream-speak.

Yuval Gabay's drums and Sebastian Steinberg's bass lines create irresistible beats pulling you deeper and deeper into each song while Mark De Gli Antoni completes the sound with soothing keyboards and quirky sound effects.

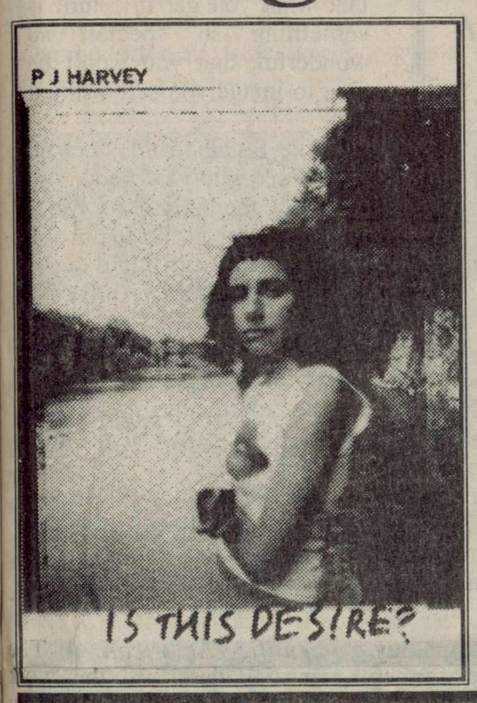
The first single off of the album, "Circles", is a catchy pop tune about either a newly budding relationship or a relationship that is about to end: "Let's slip into the car / Drive off to the farthest star. / I don't need to walk around in circles."

This same kind of vague duality runs through all of *El Oso* allowing the listener to decide what each song is about or not about.

The music molds itself to your mood so that each time you listen to a song it may be completely different from the last time you heard it.

Soul Coughing has produced an extraordinary listening experience with *El Oso* and I highly recommend that you check it out.

Long-awaited Harvey return



Amy Haney
A&E Editor

PJ Harvey
Is This Desire?
Polygram Records

After a long hiatus, PJ Harvey is back with her new album. *Is This Desire?* brings back the familiar Harvey-ness of her first albums—grinding guitars, distortion, screams and growls—but tempers it with a gentler feel and Harvey's distinct, sensuous lyrics. There are more plaintive love songs than barbaric outbursts on this album, making it more digestible as a whole (to me, at least) than her earlier works.

For those who adore Harvey for her screams, there are a couple of tracks to quench your thirsts. "No Girl So Sweet" features her rougher vocals in the telling of either a hijacker and a victim situation or an abusive relationship (Harvey never gets too cut and dried with her lyrics, so you never really know). Also, "My Beautiful Leah" is steeped in distortion and dark guitar friction, balanced with the story of a search for a lost girl.

"Is This Desire?," on the other hand, is a slow, simple ballad that lets Harvey's voice take center stage, singing a tale of two lovers meeting with such compassion it makes me wonder if Harvey herself is feeling affectionately inclined these days.

Harvey then adopts her sweeter, almost victimized voice in "Angelene," but returns to her strong, most natural vocals for other tracks.

"The Wind" features particularly interesting vocals, with Harvey singing over her own whispers. The single off this album, ""A Perfect Day Elise," is one track, in which Harvey's voice seems least strained, and her skillful lyrics paint vivid images: "God is the sweat running down his back/The water soaked her blond hair black..."

Long-time PJ Harvey fans will be pleased that she hasn't lost her trademark sounds, and listeners who have avoided her in the past may find that this less aggressive album is just right.

Overall, this is not an album to be listened to lightly, another similarity among this and her earlier albums. Don't try to put on this CD and have a conversation in the next room. You'll find yourself trying to hear every word in these tracks.

Is This Desire? deserves your full attention, and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

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Odd Inspirations

Lesa Thompson
Guest Columnist

Who knew a hockey player could inspire compassion?

Isn't it strange the way certain life-changing events unfold? And to think, mine all started with a story about a New Orleans Brass hockey player in the Oct. 16 edition of the *Times-Picayune*.

According to the story, Brass Left-Wing Dean Moore is a charitable man who spent his Thanksgiving dishing out food in a homeless shelter last year, not as part of a public relations campaign, but because he couldn't get home to Canada for the holidays, and he just felt good about giving of himself to others.

The story touched something inside of me, and I thought to myself, "If this guy can do something like that to help others, despite how busy his schedule must be, then surely I can, too."

Oddly enough, I was contemplating this very thought while driving down Broad Street when "Fate" put my resolution to the test, and a homeless man on the neutral ground caught my eye.

It's a pretty common sight in New Orleans to see people beside the road holding "Will work for food" signs, but this man displayed a different message. His sign read: Every one of us has needed help at some point in our lives, and *I am hungry*.

It made me think about the many times in my life when I would have surely fallen if not for somebody else's having been there to catch me.

Think about it: How many times has someone loaned/given you money when you really needed it? Helped you study for a test when you didn't think you could pass? Or just listened to your story when you needed someone to hear?

These may not seem like particularly big things compared to the amount of need in the world, but in your personal world, those little things made a huge difference.

So I handed the guy some money—I know, I should have gone through a drive-through and gotten him some food instead—but I really wasn't thinking about it in those terms.

Anyway, the man took the money from my hands and had tears in his eyes when he said, "Thank you so much, Miss, and God Bless You!"

Then he got on his knees and thanked God for the blessing, and it was evident that he meant it. (Believe me, if this guy was acting, he wouldn't be homeless, he'd be in Hollywood.) I felt like I should have been thanking *him* for giving me the opportunity to do something compassionate.

But the point is, something inside of me changed. It's like a weight was lifted or a blindfold removed from my eyes.

Suddenly I realized that it doesn't take a great many "big" things to make a difference, but that we can all do something to help somebody if we only allow our eyes to see the need, rather than looking the other way. And even the littlest donations of either time or money can make a big difference in somebody else's life.

While we can't all be heroes, saints and martyrs like Ghandi or countless others, we can all do something to make a difference while we're taking part in this thing called life.

Since my inspiration, I've had countless opportunities to help other people that must have been there all the time, but that I just couldn't see until I actively chose to look.

Now, am I out saving the world? No, but I am doing what I can to make a difference, and it feels good. What used to be a gaping void in my heart is now filled, and it feels good.

So, we don't have to go out and save the universe, but somebody, somewhere, right now, needs our help in some way. Why not give it? I promise that what you get in return is something so special, so wonderful, that you won't be able to image yourself without it.

The Buddha said, "Let no man think lightly of good. . . . Even by the falling of water drops a water pot is filled; the wise man becomes full of good, even if he gather it little by little."

We are surrounded by opportunities to gather because, as the sign clearly stated, sooner or later, we all need a little help.

...and to think, it all started in such a small way with an article about a Brass hockey player with a heart of gold.

Who knew?

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--Buddha

Letter to the Editor

Please note: The following letter has been printed exactly as it was recieved. No changes have been made, either for grammatical, editoral or spacial considerations.

This is not a Black/White Issue

This is not a black/ white issue nor is their an issue about the whether or not the young ladies on the court deserved to be there. The AAC and NPHC commends those females who made the Homecoming court because some of them are very outstanding leaders on campus. The article did in no way put down these young women, it simply addressed a problem that had less to do with them and more to do with the SGA. The first article was written specifically to let students know about a procedural problem that they should be aware of. The hostility of the responses and the racist comments within these responses shocked both the NPHC and the AAC. Before you read any further, if you are expecting an apology from either one of these organizations you can stop right here. The main purpose of this article - so that no one will be confused or will deliberately miss the point -is to clear up a few misconceptions that all of the authors of the responses perpetuated.

Let us begin with Shawn, first of all moving the voting booths would not have been an issue if they had been put in the most rational locations in the first place. Someone had to move them to the union. Were they too lazy to move them just a bit further to accommodate more of the student's needs? Secondly, I don't know if Shawn realizes that his last comment is blatantly racist or if he - like everyone else - just does not care. He states " ...If this was the 1950's, this would not even be an issue because African-Americans would not have had opportunity to vote." It sounds to us, like you are saying, Shawn, that we should shut up and be happy that we can vote. That is prejudice and seriously disheartening coming from a student leader on this campus.

Ursula, dearest, on behalf of all students that have been here for four years or more I want to clear the misconceptions that you obviously possess. I don't know what world you live in or what university you think you have attended for the last few years, but you are wrong about the placement of the voting. Last year students voted for these events behind Kyser and the year before that it was in Iberville. "So where, pray tell, would you put a booth in Kyser or Iberville?" Common sense would be to put them in the same places that you set up tables those years before. Also, you are wrong yet again, about the dates. I reiterate the fact that the pictures for the elections were printed in the October issue of the Current Sauce without dates or times.

Now on a less ridiculous note (Ursula) the location of the booths matter greatly. If they are not in a location suitable to a large portion of the students, why would anyone think of placing them there? Using your example, parish polls do not come to you, they are however placed in more than one location and they are placed strategically to fit as many peoples' needs as possible. The question about this election is whose needs were being acknowledged- many students or just a few? A lot of students were overlooked. Shall I spell it out to you yet again? The SGA left out freshmen, students who have classes in the TEC building and most of all the students -black, white, red and green -who live in Sabine and Rapides. Also as one student asked me, "What sense did it make to have two booths beside one another?" A0ll of the members of the AAC and the NPHC as well as SGA know that the booths should have been placed more honestly, but they were not. That is a fact that neither Ursula, Dan, nor Shawn can debate or refute.

One more thing and then we will move on, the NPHC and AAC were very knowledgeable about the facts concerning the timeframe for contesting an election - surprisingly enough you missed the point also Ursula. These organizations simply stated that if these procedural problems were brought to their attention, then the election would have been contested during the time allotted. That is the correct reading of that statement in the first article. Perhaps you should go back and look at it. You know, Ursula, reading, after all, is fundamental. For those of you who don't know the difference between being serious and sarcastic - I was being sarcastic.

Last and certainly least, Dan, you stated that "the last time the SGA successfully executed a plan was when NSU was still called Normal State College." Are you referring to the time when African-Americans were not on this campus? It is not our fault that the SGA can't execute a successful election. African-Americans did not bring trouble with them to this campus - which is what you are implying- trouble was already present, as I stated before, under the surface. Comments such as these are what made race an issue.

About the booths again, Dan, you are misleading people about the elections. Please refer up above about the places that they were held in previous years. While it is true that about 700 people is an average turnout for a vote, there were well over a thousand for the IM referendum vote. Why? Probably because student were brought by the hand in the orientations classes to vote. Why? Because there were signs and flyers and announcements and bulletins and dates and times in the paper and everything else used to encourage people to vote. The point is, if the SGA is going to do a good job on one election, why does it not see fit to do the same job for the others. Also, it seems as if the Student Government only wants those "other" people to vote when the voting is important to them. The point is not for the SGA or the homecoming court to be black or white; it is for the election procedure to be performed right. Simply put, no racism or whining intended, that's the thesis - perform the procedures correctly.

This article was a collective effort by the members of the African-American Caucus and The National Pan-Hellenic Council. It was compiled by Michelle D. Craig.

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Sports

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Goodwin urges team to 53-36 win

Sports Information

Reeling from a first-half onslaught, ninth-ranked Northwestern State answered a challenge from head coach Sam Goodwin and pulled off a spectacular comeback win Saturday, overpowering No. 22 Jacksonville State 53-36.

The Demons rose to 7-2 overall and held their share of the Southland Football League lead, climbing to 4-1 in conference play. Jacksonville State (6-3, 3-2), which had an open date last week, lost for the first time at home this year.

Northwestern scored on seven straight possessions, including a 47-yard punt return touchdown by Jermaine Jones, to rally from a two-touchdown deficit just before halftime.

Freshman tailback Tony Taylor, following a dominant Demon offensive line, spearheaded the comeback by rushing for 230 yards and three touchdowns (22, 1 and 12 yards) on 38 carries.

While the Demon offense erupted behind backup quarterback Brad Spangler, in for injured starter Warren Patterson, the Purple Swarm defense shackled a Jacksonville State attack that had piled up 302 first-half yards and scored on four of five possessions to open a 28-17 lead.

In the second half, the Demons allowed the Gamecocks only 82 yards, 47 of them coming on the home teams only second-half TD, a Montressa Kirby bomb to Joey Hamilton. Northwestern outscored J-State 36-8.

It didn't seem likely at halftime, but Goodwin encouraged and challenged his players in the dressing room.

"I told them, the cream is gonna rise, " Goodwin said. "We are either the championship team I believe we are, or were has beens. Well, Id say the cream rose. We beat a danged good football team and I think showed we are the class of this league.

"Some of the (offensive) coaches wanted to change a few things, and I said no, we have a game plan and were going with it," Goodwin continued. "Our line blocked, our backs ran, and I cant say enough about the poise that Brad Spangler showed at quarterback. Our defense turned up the heat, plugged the gaps and made the plays to help turn the game. No matter how well our offense played, we had to stop them. If they kept scoring we weren't going to win."

Jacksonville State coach Mike Williams, whose team has lost only to No. 1 Georgia Southern (51-32), No. 3 McNeese (30-14) and the No. 9 Demons, said the Demon offensive line and waves of pressure in the second half on quarterback Montressa Kirby made the difference.

"They beat us up front. We knew going in they had a real good offensive line and they proved it. They just knocked us back and we couldn't stop it."

"Defensively, they started moving everybody up, blitzing, crossing and twisting, and when you face things like that it is difficult to pick up," Williams noted. "We had some open receivers but they kept flushing Montressa back there and he couldn't find them. The pressure just got us. They guessed well defensively."

Trailing by 11, Northwestern forced Jacksonville's first punt of them game to open the second half. A 42-yard Spangler pass to tight end Jeremy McCullough on the Demons first play unleashed the floodgates.

Taylor tallied on fourth-and-goal from the 1 and T.J. Sutherland snagged a nicely-lobbed corner pass from Spangler for a two-point conversion to draw Northwestern within 28-25. Defensive end Jason Miller forced a scrambling Kirby to fumble and nose tackle Clint Loggins recovered two plays later, giving the Demons possession at the Gamecocks 29. Fullback Darren Drago slashed across on tackle Clint Loggins recovered two plays later, giving the Demons possession at the Gamecocks 29.

Drago slashed across on the second snap afterward for a 5-yard TD that pushed Northwestern ahead to stay, 32-28, with 9 minutes left in the third period.

After another three-and-out forced by the Purple Swarm, Jones scored his fourth return TD of the season, taking a punt down the Demon sideline untouched to boost NSU up 39-28.

Jacksonville replied with its only second-half score, Kirbys long pass to Hamilton, but the Demons posted back-to-back scoring drives of 57 and 50 yards, chewing 7:03 off the clock at the outset of the fourth quarter before

Taylor swept the left side for his 12-yard touchdown and a 53-36 lead with 7:45 remaining. The Demons ended the game on the Gamecocks 1, taking a delay of game penalty instead of pounding in another score.

Taylor's 230 yards was the fifth-best single-game rushing performance in school history.

"I cant tell you how proud I am of this team and the way they played like champions with the chips down today," Goodwin said. "Someone steps up for us every week ... and thats what this team is all about."

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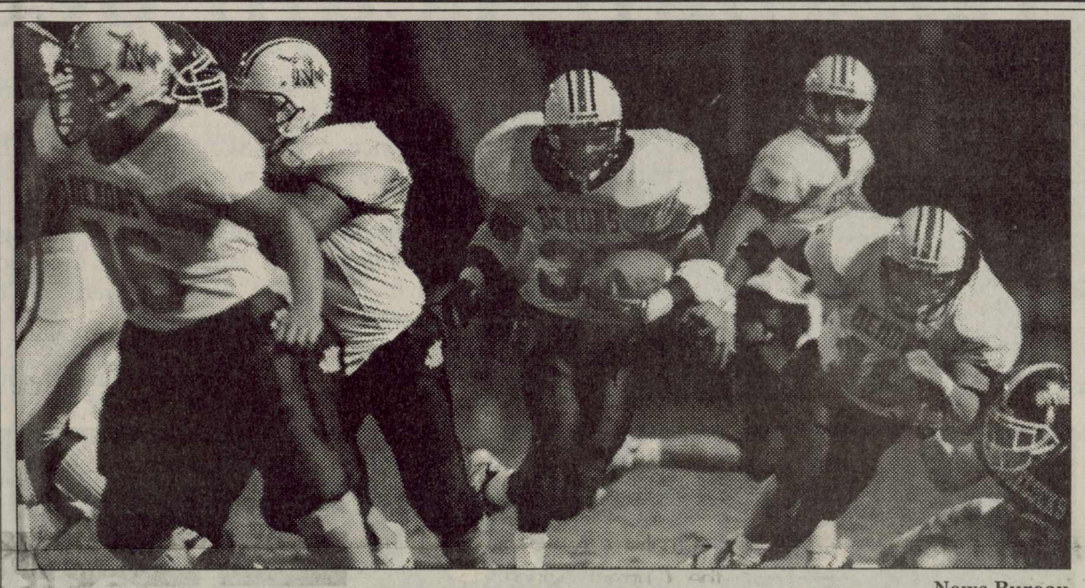
Rhett Crosby and Jake Michel make Gamecock Montressa Kirby eat turf.



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Backup tailback Tony Taylor darts through a hole in the line opened by fullback Darren Drago.

Volleyball team splits week

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

Southland Conference play this season has not been too kind to the NSU Volleyball Team. Last Tuesday, the Demons got a well-needed break from conference play, with a non-conference match against a Grambling team that boasted a 27-9 mark of its own coming into the match.

The Demons were sharp from the start, and competitive throughout, hitting .262 as a team. It took almost two hours for NSU to dispose of the Grambling team, winning in four, 15-8, 13-15, 15-10, 16-14.

For NSU, the two freshmen sensations continue to lead the way. Lisa Abner led the team with 18 kills and 14 digs. The double-double was her sixth of the year, all coming within the last 12 matches. Jessica Smith also posted a double-double, tallying 14 kills and 11 digs, to continue her impressive play. Sophomores April Addeo and Missy Krause were also solid. Addeo posted 14 kills as well, while Krause chipped in 59 assists.

Following up the home victory, the Demons hit the road as they resumed conference play Saturday night in Beaumont, Texas. The Demons however, were unable to continue the momentum, losing to Lamar 15-4, 15-7, 15-13.

The main factor in the loss, which was NSU's second to the Lady Cardinals this season, was a team attack percentage of only .110. The Demons continued the youth movement by receiving good performances by their freshmen and sophomores. NSU was again led by Abner, who totalled 9 kills and 10 digs. Sondra Lima pitched in 8 digs, while Krause had 26 assists for the match. That brought Krause's season total to 904 for the year, which ties her own school record set just last season.

NSU (4-24, 1-16 SLC) has little time to dwell on the weekend, as Stephen F. Austin comes calling to Prather Coliseum tonight at 7:00pm.

Women's hoops ranks third in preseason

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon basketball team hits the road Friday for a game in Tuscaloosa, Ala. against SEC power Alabama, a team that advanced to the Sweet 16 a year ago.

This season, NSU looks to improve upon the 17-11 mark of last year, as well as a 9-7 fifth place conference finish. This season in both the Coaches and SID polls, the Lady Demons were picked third behind perennial favorite Stephen F. Austin and Northeast Louisiana.

However, polls can be, and are often, deceiving. The Lady Demons return four starters from a year ago, as well as a solid bench. Of the returning starters, three are preseason all-conference picks: Sonya Bearden, Judy Clark, and Louise Chase.

Bearden led the Lady Demons in scoring a year ago, averaging 14.1 points per game. She is also one of the most prolific three-point shooters in the nation, shooting 42.7% from downtown last season, which ranked 18th in the country. Bearden is dangerous from beyond the arc, as well as with her ability to penetrate off the dribble. Clark averaged 12.7 ppg, in addition to a 6.3 assist per game average, which ranked second in the SLC and 20th nationally.

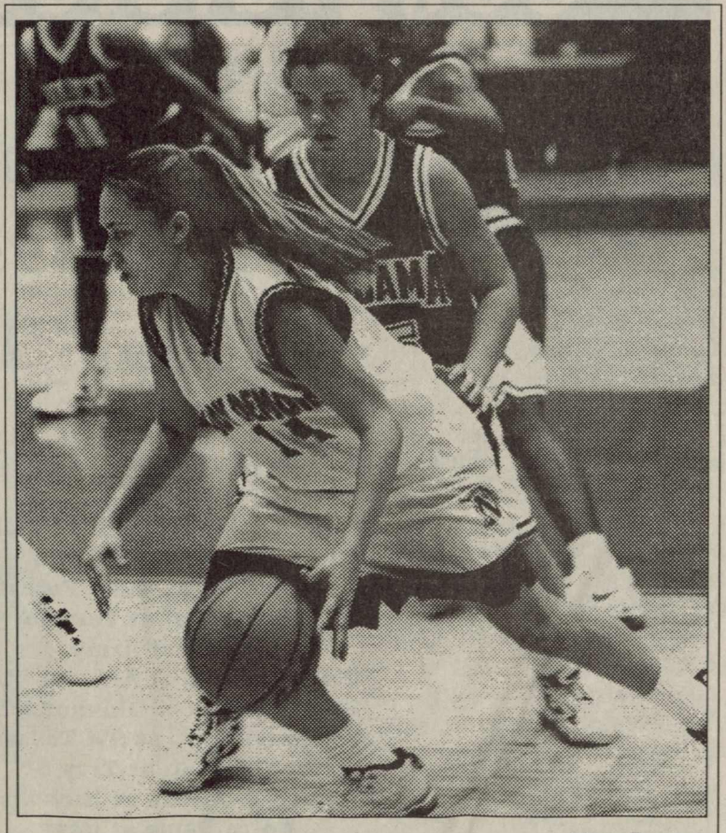
Chase averaged 11.9 ppg and 6.9 rebounds as well. Her versatility presents a big problem for the opposition. Chase can either spot-up from the outside, she can post up, or she can drive to the basket as well.

Lady Demons head coach James Smith knows his team can live up to the ranking.

"If Clark, Bearden, and Chase can play well on a consistent basis and we get support from our bench and younger players, we should be an extremely competitive team," Smith said. "But we need contributions from the younger players to withstand the tough schedule."

The schedule includes the game at Alabama, plus tournaments at Oklahoma State and Mississippi State, in addition to the 18 conference showdowns as well.

The Lady Demons open the home portion of their 1998-99 campaign December 12 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.



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Senior Sonya Bearden scored 26 points in the Lady Demons 94-89 win over the Houston Jaguars Saturday.

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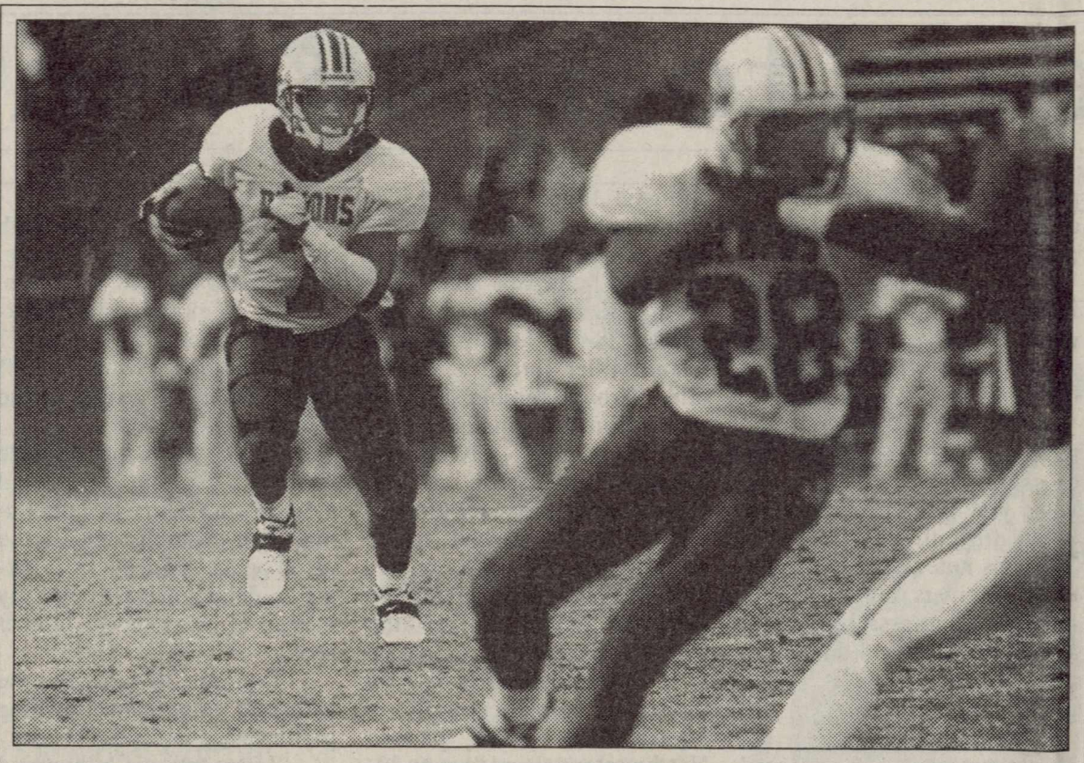

News Bureau

Senior Jermaine Jones returns a punt 47 yards for a touchdown in Saturday's game.

Women's hoops start season off right with exhibition win

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons opened their 1998-99 basketball campaign on Saturday afternoon with a 94-89 win in an exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars.

It was a game that saw four Lady Demons score in double figures to open the campaign.

Senior Sonya Bearden led all scorers with 26 points, with 16 coming in the second half of play. Bearden shot 9 of 17 from the field, including 3 of 9 from downtown.

The team's only other senior, Louise Chase, contributed 19 points and 7 rebounds of her own in the victory.

Kia Converse scored 15, while Judy Clark added 13, on 4 of 8 shooting. Other notables for the Lady Demons included Tweety Evans tallying a team-high 8 rebounds, and Jennifer Price adding 6 assists in only 12 minutes of action.

The Lady Demons were outrebounded 45-42 by the Jaguars. However, the Lady Demons outshot Houston, shooting 51.4% (36 of 70 from the field). The Lady Demons were 18 of 28 from the charity stripe as well. On the negative side, the Lady Demons did commit 30 turnovers, however they forced Houston to commit 22 of their own.

The Lady Demons begin the regular season Friday, on the road at SEC powerhouse Alabama, a team that advanced to the Sweet 16 a year ago.

The Lady Demons have a long haul on the road, not returning to Prather until their home opener December 12 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Football Team beefs up for Bearkats

Terry Kilgore
Managing Editor

Northwestern State remained in the hunt for the conference crown with it's 53-36 win over Jacksonville State but the Demons know they cannot afford another slip up in their last two games against Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin.

"We are in a two-game season for the conference championship," NSU head coach Sam Goodwin said. "We have to win both to repeat as champions and to reach the playoffs. We have to win them one at a time. Last week was a big step, but it won't mean a thing if we don't continue to win, and our guys understand that."

NSU (7-2, 4-1 in SFL) plays host to the Bearkats (2-7, 0-5 in SFL) Saturday at 2 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. Although Sam Houston has a poor record, Goodwin warns not to take them lightly.

"They'll be ticked off coming here," Goodwin said. "They took their worst loss of the year last week to Stephen F. Austin and they haven't beaten us in five seasons. They are very close to having a much better season."

NSU has found its back for the future in freshman Tony Taylor. Taylor, starting only his second game, ran for a freshman-record 230 yards and three touchdowns against Jacksonville St., breaking the mark he set last week in NSU's 14-13 homecoming loss to Troy State. Taylor was instrumental in the Demons second-half comeback against the Gamecocks.

"I am proud of the way our guys responded when the chips were down," Goodwin said. "Things looked bleak at half-time but the cream rose in the second half. All season long, somebody has stepped up for us and made plays, and we had a lot of guys do that with our season on the line."

NSU will need even more guys stepping up against Sam Houston, a team who has a lot of talent and almost defeated Troy State earlier in the year.

"They missed four field goals and only needed two of them to beat Troy State," Goodwin said. "They have been right there in every game until last week. It's a team with talented young players, an aggressive defense and an outstanding kicking game, as always."

NSU may be without starting quarterback Warren Patterson, who was injured against Jacksonville State. Backup Brad Spangler came off the bench and played well, completing six of 11 passes for 100 yards, leading NSU to five scoring drives after Patterson's injury.

"I'd say Warren is pretty doubtful, but we might have him ready by Saturday," Goodwin said. "It's impossible to predict. But the way Brad played, you feel real confident about that position."

Before the injury Patterson was his old self. The senior signal-caller was three for five for 95 yards and a TD before the injury. Patterson leads the conference in passing efficiency with a 144.25 rating. He has completed 79 of 156 passes, 50%, for 1427 yards and 12 touchdown passes with only six interceptions, an outstanding ratio.

Taylor took over the team rushing lead from injured starter Ronnie Powell. Taylor has 597 yards and five touchdowns on 95 carries while Powell has almost identical statistics, 596 yards and six touchdowns on 95 carries. Former starting tailback Brian Jacquet makes a perfect compliment for whatever tailback is in the game as he has gained 269 yards and five touchdowns on 73 carries. Powell is expected back this week, but Taylor should still see plenty of action.

Dr. McBride won the Current Sauce Challenge this week with just five misses. Congratulations!

The Current Sauce Football Challenge

Please check with a pen the team that you think will win.

College Football

___Sam Houston at NSU___
___Florida St. at Wake Forest___
___Miami, Fla. at Temple___
___Tulane at Army.___
___Northeast La. at Arkansas St.___
___SW Louisiana at Oklahoma St.___
___Jacksonville St. at SW Texas St.___
___McNeese St. at Troy St.___
___Stephen F. Austin at Nicholls St. __
___Notre Dame at Navy___

NFL

___Pittsburgh at Tennessee___
___Cincinnati at Minnesota___
___St. Louis at New Orleans___
___New England at Buffalo___
___Philadelphia at Washington___
___Miami at Carolina___
___San Francisco at Atlanta___
___Dallas at Arizona___
___Tampa Bay at Jacksonville___
___Green Bay at New York Giants___
___Chicago at Detroit___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Denver at Kansas City___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

Student Athlete of the Week

Brad Spangler
Football

The backup quarterback went all out Saturday leading the Demons on six touchdowns drives. Spangler finished the afternoon with 100 yard passing overall. The Demon moved to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the SFL.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 14
2 p.m. vs. Sam Houston

Student Athlete of the Week

Amy Fulkerson
Soccer

The sophomore from Lafayette was honored as the Southland Newcomer of the Year and was laos name to the First Team All Conference. NSu finished the season with a 9-8-2 overall record including third place 4-3-1 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
November 16
7p.m. vs. SLU

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Senior Day success

Tim Long
Contributing Writer

Approximately 1,000 prospective students and their parents attended Annual Senior Day, despite Saturday's dismal weather conditions.

The event, which was conducted by the Office of Admissions and Recruiting, drew high school students from all over the state.

"We had a great turnout," Jana Lucky, admissions and recruiting director, said. Lucky also commented that the students who took part in the program asked intelligent questions and seemed interested in speaking to department representatives.

Lucky was excited that parents and students attended in spite of the rain. She also expressed joy in the number of students who turned in scholarship application forms.

Participants got what may have been their first impression of the University from the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band, which opened the program in the A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

They were also entertained by the spirit groups and guest speaker Steve Morgan from New Orleans.

Morgan spoke about the path of college life saying that it takes getting used to. Getting the most out of the college experience was the prevailing theme in Morgan's speech.

Other activities to orient students to the University included visitation with academic departments and a campus tour.

Prospective students were able to see the dormitories and eat lunch in the Student Union.

Most importantly, the parents and prospective students responded positively about their day on the campus.

"The program was very informative," David Causey, a parent participant from Haughton, said. Causey also emphasized the importance of parental involvement in their children's lives.

Jennifer Tucker, also of Haughton, enjoyed the spirit groups' performances.

"I am looking forward to coming and trying out for the Demon Dazzlers," Tucker said.

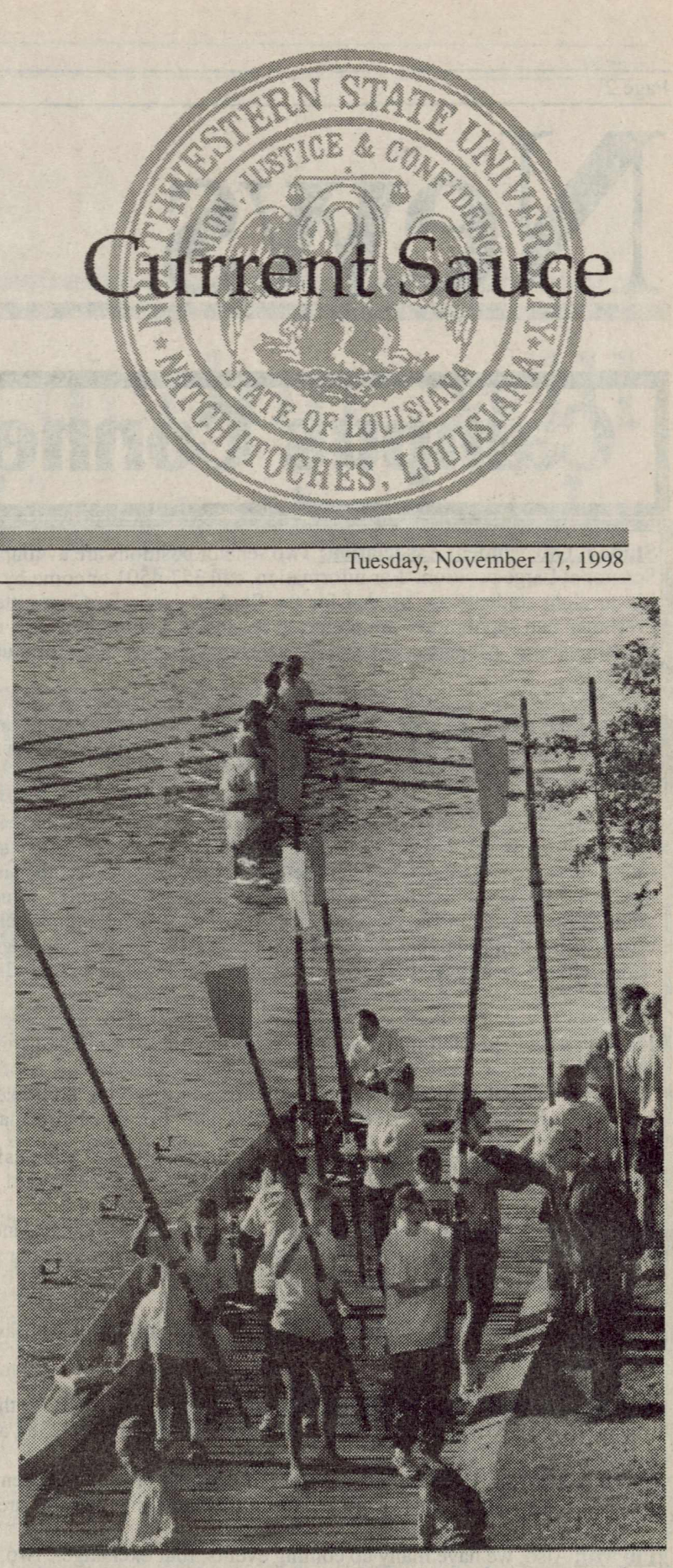
After the completion of Senior Day's main activities, the participants were then invited to attend the afternoon football game in which the Demon football team beat Sam Houston State 59-3.

Lucky said she was proud of the hard work and effort put forth by her recruiting staff.

"They are a huge plus for the University," Lucky commented.

However, the Office of Admissions and Recruiting's job is not complete. According to Lucky, there is still one more important step in ensuring that the Senior Day participants choose NSU.

The recruiters plan to follow-up by telephone to be certain that Northwestern continues to maintain its tradition of quality students.



The NSU Crew prepare to embark on another successful race. Crew hosted the Marathon Rowing Championships on Cane River.

Infirmary comes through in a pinch for ailing students

Wrainbeau Willis
Contributing Writer

Runny noses, hacking coughs, chills and fevers; yes, folks, it's the cold and flu season, and you may be wondering what you can do to keep from getting sick.

The infirmary has been busy this semester with students coming in with flues and colds. The school nurse, Leah Ann Hennigan-Bell, provided a few tips on how not to get sick.

"Students should stick to a balanced diet and get plenty of rest." Hennigan-Bell said. "You should take a good multi-vitamin and drink plenty of fluids. If you are prone to sickness, you should stay out of the night air and exercise regularly."

The most serious threat to students right now is the flu. Most first-time students have an erratic sleep schedule, and therefore their immune system is worn down.

Freshmen are especially prone to illness because they are away from home and do not eat well. Many of them go out late at night and get up for classes early in the morning. Freshmen are also in an unusual environment, and their bodies react unusually to illness.

The good news, however, is that dorm residents are no more likely to get sick than off-campus residents.

All students come in contact with a variety of people every day in class and at home. The amount of exposure one has to the flu or cold does not mean a student will get sick. Everybody reacts differently to disease.

One person may come in contact once and get sick, but another person may be around sick people all the time and not become ill.

To reduce the risk of illness in the dorms, Hennigan-Bell said students should keep the dorm rooms clean. Students should spray Lysol in their bathroom regularly and disinfect the doorknobs and sink handles

People should not share their eating utensils or food. Students should also regularly wash their bedding and generally keep clean those things that people use.

NSU 22 returning to the air

Ursula Newman
Contributing Writer

What happened to NSU 22?

Starting in July and ending in August, the students who work on NSU 22 were not able to put on the news broadcast.

Director/producer David Antilley said that there are roughly 20-30 students who work on the news broadcasts, but it was the students who were around this summer who got to see what actually happened. In early July, parts of the roof in the studio came falling down like London Bridge.

"Over the summer, part of the roof fell in, which is when we discovered the asbestos," Antilley said. "The studio was made an emergency project, and it only took about a month for the ceiling to be repaired. They did a good job of removing all of the asbestos."

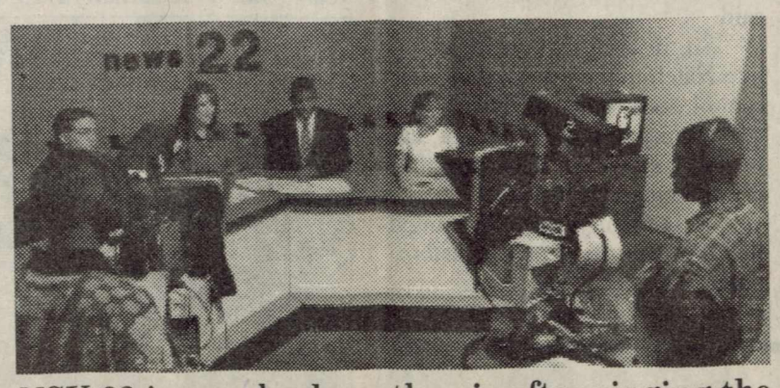
Rachel White, a former NSU 22 anchor, worked with the broadcast for nearly 2 years.

"I was in the room when the ceiling fell in and we saw the asbestos in it," White said.

The staff had to take all of the equipment out of the studio.

"Some things are not exactly as they should be just yet," Antilley said.

Despite the minor things that need to be fine tuned, the students are able to produce the news broadcast. NSU 22 runs live from Kyser Hall in Studio B, at 3:30 and is replayed at 5:00, 10:30 and 4:00 am. NSU 22 is looking forward to upcoming changes and improvements to their broadcast.



NSU 22 is now back on the air after singing the asbestos blues over the summer.

Not too late to help Honduras

Michael C. Liberto
Contributing Writer

Students, faculty, staff and others still have an opportunity to give to the Department of Journalism's food drive for Honduras.

Lesa Thompson, English graduate student formerly of the journalism department and family member of victims in Honduras, is coordinating the drive.

"Basically, what we are trying to do is get canned food and over-the-counter medicines to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras," Thompson said.

Thompson further commented that the amount of food loss in Honduras and the rest of Central America is unbelievable.

"Think of it in this sense: everything that you own in this world, if the hand of God suddenly came out of the sky and wiped it away, and you have nothing left in this world--then that's the situation that they're in," Thompson said. "It's so incredinbly hard to imagine, that it almost seems unreal. But the problem is, it's only too real for the people trying to survive through this situation."

Thompson's father is from Honduras, and most of their family still lives there. It was only last week that she heard of their status.

Through her family, Thompson was able to better understand what was happening in the country. Many people are homeless, injured and the demand for supplies is extremely high.

Those of us who are living in Louisiana and East Texas know first-hand what destruction storms can cause.

Without the safety net of government relief, South Louisiana might resemble Honduras or Nicaragua every other year.

There may be more than 70 million U.S. aid dollars on the way to Central America, and much more in private aid, but anything that can be collected means that people who are affected recover a little bit more and, it is hoped, a bit faster.

The items already collected are scheduled to be shipped this week, but boats will be going back and forth from the region over the next four or five weeks, so the drive will be continued as long as there are boats being donated to transport the goods.

"It's kind of ironic," Thompson added. "We started this only knowing that the items were going to Honduras, but we had no idea where. Since then, I've found out that much of what we're sending is actually going to an area where my own family lives. It's almost like having the hand write on the wall or something. It seems like fate made it work out this way."

Any item of need such as food, medicine, clothes and personal items can be brought to room 108 of Kyser Hall before 4:30 p.m. this Friday.

Much ado about the NSU CREW

Joni Naquin
Contributing Writer

CREW rowing team has been working hard and staying active this month by competing in both the Louisiana Sate Championships and the Marathon Rowing Championships.

The Louisiana State Championships were held Nov. 7 at Sibley Lake. The four schools who have rowing programs in Louisiana participated in the regatta.

NSU, Centenary College, Loyola University and Tulane University all competed in the cold and rain for a medal.

Despite a few postponed races due to weather, CREW succeeded in winning two events of the 2,000 meter sprint races. The 16 novice women won each of their two races.

Coach Calvin Cupp said that even though there were some races that CREW did not win, their times were better than before.

"The amount of time that Tulane beat us by was a lot less than the year before," Cupp said.

Tulane University hosts the event each year, and chose the waters of Sibley Lake here in Natchitoches to have the regatta.

"It rained really badly, and it was really cold, but it was fun nonetheless," Matt Wolbolt, the novice men's coxain, said.

CREW also participated in the marathon Rowing Championships on Nov. 14. Eight varsity members, four men and four women, rowed 26 miles in under four hours.

"It felt so good, and I loved it," Sara Crow, varsity member, said. "I think rowing with the men helped us alot. They have the power and the endurance."

CREW teams from across the country, including Oklahoma, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Texas, Kansas, Florida, Maine, Georgia and Tennessee, also came to participate in the marathon.

CREW puts a great deal of time into their club. Not only does the team practice five times each week at 5 a.m., but the team efforts put into fundraising take time and dedication from the members.

The CREW team sells concessions, as well as programs, during all home football and basketball games. According to Coach Cupp, the team raises over $10,000 a year.

"CREW is here because the students want it," Coach Cupp said. "They are the ones who make it happen. They are the ones who do all the work. They put untold hours into training, managing, fundraising, and facilitating the program and going out and competing without scholarships or workstudy. To me, that is what student activities should be about."

The CREW team is looking forward to next semester where they will not only compete in home event but also two away regattas.

The team will be travelling to Atlanta and the conference regatta in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"I expect to win next semester--I really do," Crow said. "I especially think the lightweight women have a good chance to medal."

CREW appears to be off to a good start.

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Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Two senator positions are available for graduate students and one Senator at Large position. For information, call 357-4501 or come by room 222 in the Student Union. Six to eight students are needed for the Student Advisory Committee to the IM Planning Council. Freshmen and sophomores are preferred because the committee will meet until the completion of the IM renovations. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union every week. The last day for SAB applications is Nov. 20, at noon in room 214 of the Student Union. Election day is Nov. 23.

Hurricane Mitch Relief: Lesa Thompson and Jennifer Long of the Department of Journalism are collecting items to send to the aid of Honduran victims of Hurricane Mitch. Please bring canned foods, can openers, blankets, over-the-counter medicines and other items to room 108 of Kyser Hall before 4:30 p.m. this Friday. No donation is too small. 600,000 homeless people are in dire need of your help. Special thanks to everyone who has donated this week: The Burns, Lou Lowry, the Natchitoches Junior High School 4-H Club, Dr. Rocky Colavito, Angie Thompson, and others whose names are not mentioned here. You know who you are--and so would everybody else if we hadn't lost the list. Sorry!

Kappa Delta Pi: A clothing drive will be held for underprivileged children in Natchitoches beginning Nov. 16. New or nearly new clothing can be brought to Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. Those who are interested in beginning the season of giving are welcome to decorate the Christmas tree in Pod B of the TEC on Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (318) 357-5553.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Rowing: November 21--(tentatively) Wichita State University, Kansas: NSU varsity Crew vs. Wichita State University

The International Student Organization: Please bring recipes for the International Food Fair which will be held on Nov. 18 in Iberville. For information, call 354-2381 and ask for Diter.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Please don't forget our Arthritis project has been moved to Nov. 19. If you have any questions, call Kelli Hearne. Don't forget composite pictures are scheduled for Nov. 17.

Phi Mu: Also, we have many up coming events, four exchanges, two community service projects and semi-formal. Make sure to attend IM games, meetings and sisterhood events.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m. and you do not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

Presidents to confer on higher education

Virginia Colclasure
Contributing Writer

The Council of Student Body Presidents of Louisiana is taking an active role for higher education.

The council is comprised of members from all of the 23 public schools in the state. Luke Dowden, Student Government Association president, is chairman of the council.

The council is actively helping other students across the state in all three of the systems of higher education in Louisiana, which include the University of Louisiana system, the Southern system and the LSU system. They focus on the problems in higher education that are common on each campus.

A planning meeting for the council was held in August at Southern Louisiana University in Hammond. Although this organization has been around for 10-12 years, this is the first year that an actual agenda has been set for the council.

The next meeting of the council will be held this weekend at Northeast Louisiana University and Grambling.

The guest speaker will be Randy Ewing, State Senate Leader. He will be discussing the state of higher education and the impact the community college system will have higher education in Louisiana.

The goal of this council is to lobby for money for schools in Louisiana. In order to do this, there is a plan to contact former student body presidents across the state and form a network between them and the council, so that they can work together to get more money for higher education in Louisiana.

"It's time for higher education to get more money," Dowden said.

Simola takes home tastes of Louisiana

Brings a bit of the Cajun and Creole to Helsinki

Deonica Harris
Contributing Writer

Through the International Student Exchange Program, Salla Simola has experienced some things that only Louisiana has to offer.

Simola came to Louisiana on Aug. 20, 1998. Her first stop, along with some French exchange students, was New Orleans.

Simola enjoyed shopping in the French Quarter, especially Bourbon Street. She said she had never tasted the type of oysters that she was able to enjoy while down South. She also enjoyed the Cajun and Creole foods.

"[The transition] was hard at first," Simola said. "Natchitoches is so small. Helsinki is a big place. There are 500,000 people in the city."

Simola came from Helsinki, which is the capital of Finland, where she resided there for five years. Simola is actually from a small town near Helsinki, where she attends college.

Simola explained that school in Helsinki is very different because the classes were much more conservative. She also said that there were no personal relationships between the professors and students.

"We listen," Simola said. "We don't have discussions with the teacher. It is much easier to ask a question here than in Finland."

According to Simola, exams are also very different. She recently took her first multiple choice exam since middle school. Exams in Helsinki are far from multiple choice.

"All essays and nothing else," Simola responded. " I llike studying here. It is easier."

There is even a difference in the campus life between the two countries.

"I like all of the sports activities," Simola answered. "You have a choice here. You can play volleyball, basketball, tennis, or whatever you would like. You can go and watch football, too. In Finland, we don't have all these activities. It is very nice here."

Staying in Louisiana has helped Simola a great deal. She has learned English, which was her main objective. She has also had a chance to meet many people from different cultures.

"I have been observing in the lab school," Simola commented. "I observe 18 hours a week. It has been very interesting for me to see how you teach here."

In addition to what Simola has learned, she has experienced quite a few things too. She said that the people here are nice. Simola described Finnish people as being closed-minded.

"When you go shopping, you can speak to people," Simola said. "In Finland, you can't."

Don't expect to see Simola for much longer, though. She will be going back to Finland when the semester ends.

Simola said that she is undecided as to where she will reside once she has graduated. She would like to study and work in Europe.

Christmas Festival fun

Mary Freeman
Contributing Writer

The Natchitoches Christmas Festival is a time of wholesome fun for the 150,000 visitors to the city; it is also one of the prime examples of the symbiotic relationships that the city of Natchitoches and Northwestern has.

"Northwestern students,, ever since the festival has been going on, have participated in one way or another," Carl Henry, director of student activities and organizations, said. "The Student Activity Board and the SGA have always sponsored the Lady of the Bracelet and Mr. and Miss NSU to ride in the parade. The band has participated in it for years."

One of the major impacts that the festival has on both the city and Northwestern is the amount of money made. "The Christmas Festival accounts for about $5 million of economic impact on the city," Nick Pollacia, executive vice-president for the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, said.

Student organizations that work during this time are guaranteed to make money. However, most of the student organizations that participate do not do so for money.

Several student organizations are participating this year. In fact, some of the hospitality and management students are participating for part of their grade. They will assist with lining up the parade and making sure the entertainment moves smoothly.

However, University student organizations have been helping for years. In the past, organizations have helped park cars, sell Cokes and drive vehicles for the parade. The University has always been the staging area for the Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

"Students have been participating as long as the festival has existed," Pollacia said.

So, in a small college town like Natchitoches, everything the school does seems to impact the community; however, during the festival, much of what the city does impacts the school.

It is mainly the little things that the students at Northwestern contribute, "the little things that mean a lot," Henry said.

Free HIV Testing

Stanford Brewer (top) and Reginald Lowery (bottom) of the Philidelphia Center in Shreveport provided free HIV testing to students last Wednesday as a part of Aids Awareness Week. Lowery suggests that everyone take an HIV test because the virus has been around for many years. No one truly knows whether they have the disease until they have had the test.

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Henderson named to academic position

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

Dr. Martha Henderson's experience and dedication to education has earned national recognition and made her a unique part of the faculty.

Henderson is a professor and LOUIS Systems Administrator for academic libraries at the University.

Since 1987, she has served as a member of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. She has received several positions in the organization since that time.

Henderson has served as chair on the Board of Examiners Committee and is an ex-officio member of the NCATE Standards Committee.

This fall, Henderson was named to the position of Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the Unit of Accreditation Board of NCATE. She is one of the 10 professors on the board representing colleges of education nationwide.

President Randall Webb congratulated her appointment saying, "It is a signal honor for her. It reflects the degree to which her professional expertise and experience are viewed by the nation."

The Unit of Accreditation Board determines the status of professional education units at colleges and universities. The board also develops standards and procedures for the accreditation process and for overseeing the on-site visits and training of the Board of Examiners.

NCATE works on a number of projects such as providing assistance in upgrading programs for historically black institutions, integrating technology in schools and assisting professional development schools.

After years of working nationally with the American school system Henderson agrees that it is in need of improvement.

"We don't provide the support we should to teachers in their salaries, resources and development activities," Henderson commented.

Henderson also explained that the American school system "is unique in the world."

"Our public school system is highly a part of our historical heritage," Henderson added. "Our system is a lot better than people give us credit for when we are committed to helping every child."

Henderson's idea of a good teacher is "someone who likes children, is intelligent, able to communicate, knowledgeable about the subject and is a life long learner."

Aramark is shakin', bakin' & renovatin' in Iberville Dining Hall

Kelle Head
Contributing Writer

Aramark continues to improve food service by renovating Iberville Dining Hall.

Previous renovations were made last spring to Vic's, the Aramark dining facility in the Student Union. A salad bar, Freschens yogurt, Gretels baked goods and a new beverage bar were among improvements made to Vic's.

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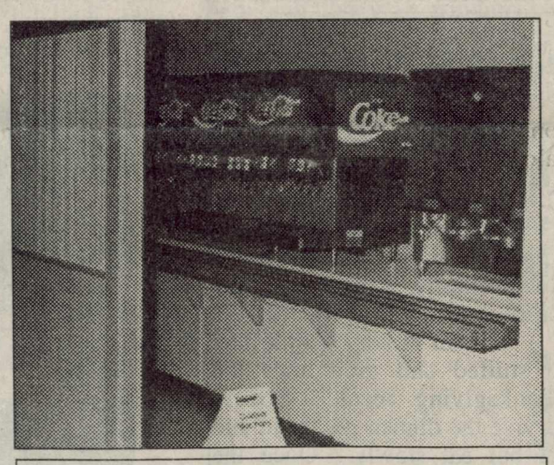

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Construction will be ending-- 'soon'

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

The headache and stress of campus road construction will soon be coming to an end--again.

Faculty and students will return for the spring 1999 semester to find new roads, crosswalks, speed bumps and more handicap accessible ramps.

"We'll probably finish the crosswalks during Christmas break," Loren Lindsey, the director of the Physical Plant said.

The completion date is dependant upon good weather.

Thus far, the project remains on schedule to be finished within the originally expected 120-day time frame.

Lindsey identified the construction area, the area between Kyser and the Student Union and the Fine Arts Building, as the location receiving the "bulk of student traffic."

By fully overhauling the roads, repair crews will not be repeatedly filling in potholes.

The new crosswalks will be made of brick.

"We're trying to make it very evident that this is a crosswalk," Lindsey said.

Currently, crosswalks are marked by fading yellow paint and street signs.

"People don't pay attention to signs," Lindsey said. "You can't be sure that someone will stop simply because you have the right of way."

Road work has caused what seems like endless traffic problems on campus long enough.

Standard black prefabricated speed bumps with reflectors will replace the inconsistent speed bumps that are presently on campus. These are also presently marked by fading yellow paint.

"One thing for sure, [the speed bumps] will be visible," Lindsey said.

Ramps will replace portions of the curb along these newly reconstructed roads in accordance with the American Disabilities Act. Other ramps at various locations around campus will be constructed at a later date.

Lindsey cautions motorists to adhere to the posted traffic signs as they move these construction areas.

"You put up construction signs most people slow down," Lindsey said.

Many motorists have not noticed the construction particularly at nighttime, because of missing signs.

"Some people have found it fun to take down the construction signs," Lindsey said. Lindsey points out that this is simply "the inconvenience of progress that we must all pay."

Scholars' college to get some 'word of mouth' this Saturday

Dana Gonzales
Contributing Writer

The Louisiana Scholars' College will host its Annual Scholars' Day this Saturday.

"We think the best way for students to decide if Scholars' College is right for them...is to come here to experience what the difference is," Dr. Betsy Cochran, director of Scholars' College, said.

The Louisiana Board of Regents for Higher Education established the Scholars' College in 1987 as the state's designated honors college. The core curriculum differs from the normal university core, with courses in topics ranging from democracy, western thought, math and science.

Teacher and guidance counselor recommendations, high school transcripts and test scores are all evaluated in the application process.

A minimum ACT score of 21 is required for consideration. During Scholars' Day, prospective students have the opportunity to be interviewed by a member of the faculty, which is another requirement of the application process.

"Our admission committee considers each student seperately and makes a decision...We'll give a decision within three weeks," Cochran said.

Scholars' Day activities begin at 9:15 a.m. with registration. Afterward, the faculty is introduced and prospective students are allowed to participate in an actual Scholars' College seminar.

A student panel will be available for questions while parents are given a tour of Natchitoches. Following the student interviews, a tour of the campus and dormitories will be given also.

"The best recruitment tool is word of mouth," Cochran said.

Officials with the Scholars' Colloge can be reached at (318) 357-4577 or by e-mail at nsula.edu/scholars_college.

Congratulations:

Melissa Neco, a senior sociology major, was crowned America's Cover Miss for the city of Natchitoches. She will compete for the state title in Baton Rouge on Nov. 28, with hopes of advancing to the finals in Florida.

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Museum has interesting history

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

Although many students may be unaware of its existence, the Williamson Museum on the second floor of Kyser has a long and interesting history.

Over thirty years ago, Professor George Williamson assembled the original collection of native American artifacts. Williamson won a bronze medal at the World Exhibition in St. Louis for his collection.

The collection remained in storage at the university for several years until Dr. George Stokes showed an interest in the collection.

"Dr. Stokes took the collection out of storage, recataloged it and put into Guardia Hall," Dr. Pete Gregory, curator of the museum explained.

Guardia hall was destroyed by fire in 1965 while the collection was still there. One of the largest collections of Native American artifacts in the South was lost.

"Of the approximately ten thousand pieces in the Williamson collection only 200 arrowheads survived," Gregory said.

The collection was restarted when the collection was moved to its current location in Kyser Hall.

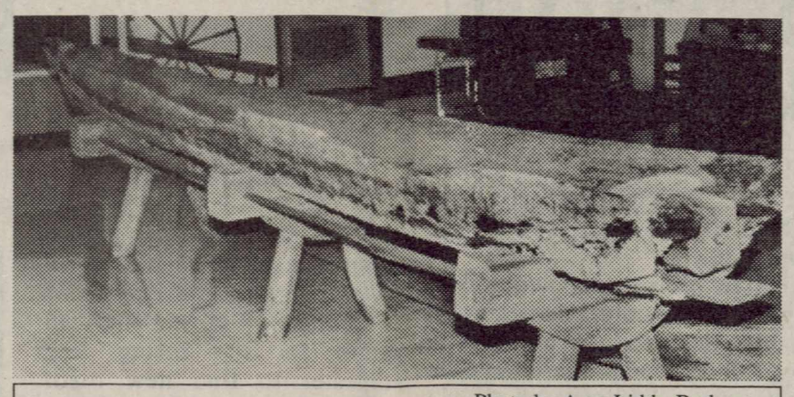


Photo by Amy Liddy-Barbaro
This canoe is one of the many interesting artifacts in the Williamson Museum. The Museum is located in 208 Kyser.

'When this building (Kyser) opened in the 1970's we started a new collection," Gregory continued. "We'd already designed the cases and the storage space...we walked into an empty cabinet so to speak. The collection in the museum today has been acquired since about 1971."

Most of the items in the museum today are donations. Dr. Clarence Webb, who was an avocational archeologist, donated his collection which was made between 1935 and the 1980's.

"His (Webb's) collection is a really powerful piece," Gregory said.

Choctaw Indian basket maker Claude Medford also contributed pieces to the collection. His artifacts are from 41 tribes across the southeast. Medford's collection, which he left to the museum before his death, is one of the largest collections of contemporary Indian artifacts in the region.

Currently Dr. Gregory is working on the repatriation of several artifacts to the Caddo Indian tribe of Oklahoma.

"Much of Mr. Webb's collection was collected on Cadoin sites," Gregory explained. "The Caddo tribe has the right by law to repatriate those artifacts and human remains. The Caddo plan to rebury the human remains."

The museum is also the state and federal repository for archeological artifacts collected on state and federal lands.

ISO seeking American students with Iberville buffet

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Members of the International Student Organization are using their unique heritage to bring world awareness to the University and members of the community.

John Foster, a speech instructor in the Department of Language and Communication, serves as the adviser for the ISO.

With the assistance of ISO members, Foster is working to strengthen the organization while reaching out to the public.

Even though members have many goals they would like to achieve this year, Foster said the ISO has made it a priority to get more American students involved with the organization.

"They're here in the United States to meet other American students," Foster said of the international students on campus. "We believe a truly interactive student organization is inclusive because we're [Americans] part of the world."

Northwestern has approximately 50 international students on campus this year, with students coming from countries all across the world such as Sweden, Indonesia, Bosnia and Ireland.

Foster would like to use the ISO as a tool for educating students, alumni and members of the community about the world around them. One way for people to get involved is to become a host family for a foreign exchange student. Through a host family, these students would have a place to go during school breaks or someone to turn to for advice.

He would also like to conduct cultural exchanges that would give people glimpses of various cultures by having foreign students bring some of their native artifacts and give presentations on them.

The organization hopes to spark students' interest in other countries through the first-ever International Buffet. Several foreign exchange students have gathered recipes of their favorite native dishes, which will be prepared by Aramark. The buffet will be held Thursday at Iberville Dining Hall.

The ISO is planning to host several international teas, which would be open to the public. In fact, Foster said the first tea is tentatively scheduled to be held at Beau Forte Plantation early next year.

Foster said he is basing most of his ideas for the organization on his many years spent in the military. While he was stationed in Europe, he participated in contact tours, which allowed American soldiers to interact with German civilians. As a result, Americans learned languages and customs they never would have learned at home.

Dieter Fertsch, a second-year business administration student, serves as president of the ISO. Fertsch, who is from Honduras, said the organization is an excellent way for students from all backgrounds to meet and interact with one another as well as make useful connections for the future.

"The ISO provides students with a comfortable environment," he said. "It creates interest in other countries."

Thomas Reynolds, an English graduate student, is one of the few American students to participate in the organization. While the ISO helps international students feel more at ease, Reynolds believes it can be just as beneficial to Americans because they can learn about different places and cultures.

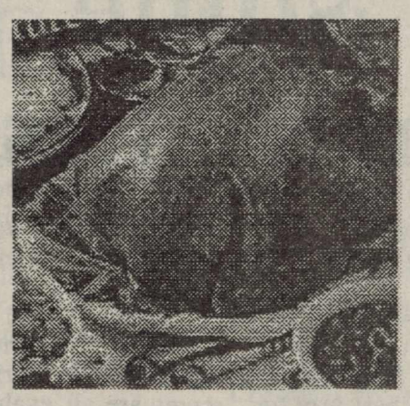
"It's fun to learn about other countries," he said. "It's worthwhile to try new things; it probably benefits me more than it does the international students."

Turkey, drugs, and sleep: the real story

David Sullivan
Health Columnist

Thanksgiving day is a time of family gatherings, giving thanks, football, and for many others, gaining a lot of weight. The Thanksgiving day-feast-splurge is usually the meal that tricks most borderline dieters into giving up entirely, where they pig out shamelessly until New Years day, giving them reason for a resolution. You do not have to be a victim.

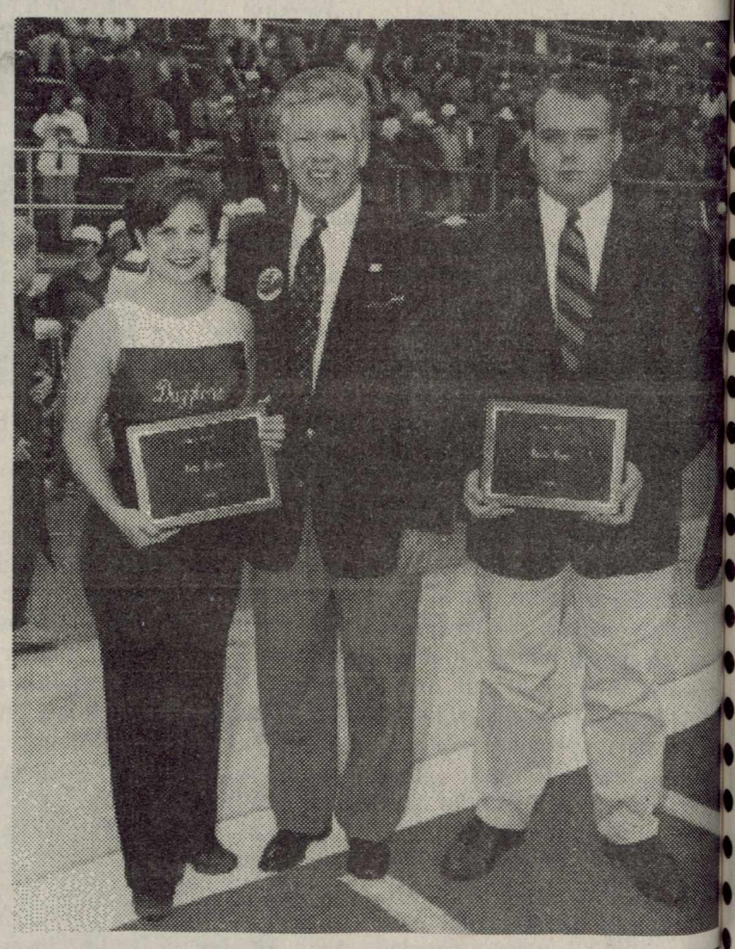
Everyone is familiar with the Post Thanksgiving Day Meal Syndrome. Its when the victims are tired, resting on the couch after the big meal with their belts unbuckled and their feet up, they can hardly breath, they can not believe they ate that much. For a borderline-dieter, this experience can be devastating.



The reality is they probably didn't eat that much after all, but due to the effects of tryptophan, they feel like they did. Tryptophan is an essential amino acid which is not manufactured in the body. It helps produce B-vitamin niacin, which is essential for the production of the neurotransmitter serotonin: a natural barbiturate.

People consume tryptophan every time they eat a normal meal consisting of meats, vegetables, starches, etc., without too much of an overwhelming fullness. The fullness sensation people feel in their stomach after eating is actually coming from their brain because of the eurotransmitter: serotonin, the product of tryptophan... and turkey have an abundance of tryptophan. When combined with starch or carbohydrates, the amino acid is encouraged to produce even more serotonin, and everyone knows that the number one side dish to the turkey is the stuffing, which is loaded with starch. That means even more serotonin. It also causes natural drowsiness which is why people almost always desire a nap after the feast.

That is why people feel so stuffed and tired after the Thanksgiving meal. So, to survive the dinner, go ahead and eat but eat slowly. Once the tryptophan creates all that serotonin in your brain, which takes from 12 to 20 minutes you will not have any trouble at all pushing that plate back and saying, "I am stuffed," but this time you'll have no regrets because you'll really know that you ate about as much as you normally do any way.



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David Deggs and Kelli Rivere, Mr. and Ms. NSU, were presented with plaques at halftime of the Sam Houston State game. Dr. Randy Webb presented the plaques to the honorees.

"Current Quotes"

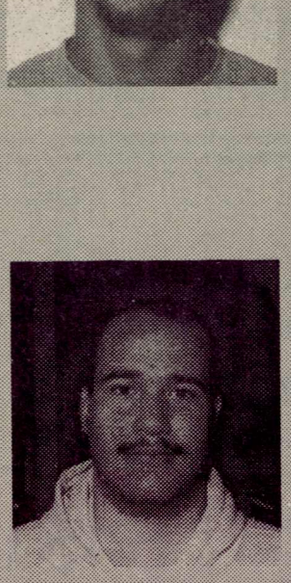
"When do you plan to start your Thanksgiving Break?"

"I have one class Monday and one class Tuesday, so I'm starting my vacation Monday, but I'm leaving Natchitoches Wednesday."

Trey Sprague
Freshman

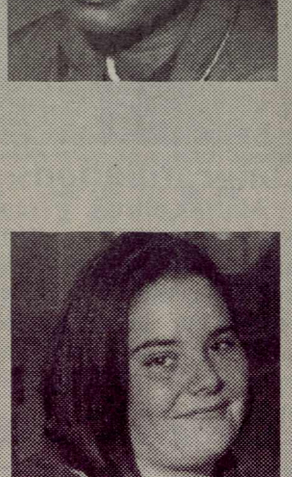
"I plan on beginning it the Wednesday we leave. Because of the fall break my holiday was shortened and I think it sucks!"

Sharisa Robertson
Junior



"I plan to leave after my lab is over at noon, even if I am pretty upset over not being able to have the whole week off."

Rusty Broussard
Sophomore



"My classes end on Wednesday and I'm leaving as soon as possible."

Jenny Vance
Senior

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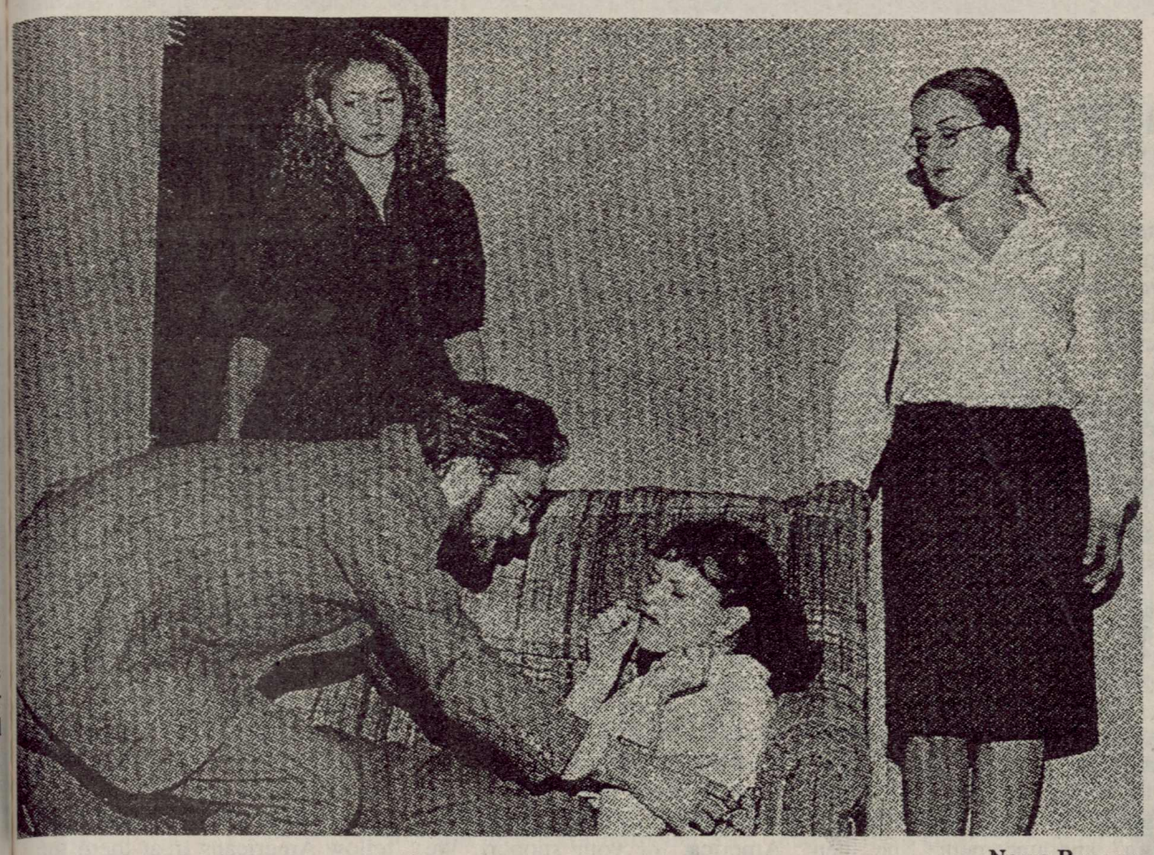


News Bureau

Janae Yeager struggles with Greg Romero as Shelley Colvin (upper left) and Melony Ebeling look on in the drama "The Children's Hour," running until Nov. 21 in Theatre West at 7:30 p.m..

The Waterboy quenches your movie thirst

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

If anyone has ever followed Louisana football be it high school, collegiate or pro, then the Waterboy is the movie of choice.

The Waterboy stars Adam Sandler (SNL, Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison) as a 31-year-old waterboy fired from his job at the University of Louisiana.

He the looks to University of South Central Louisana State University for the postion of water distribution engineer. After take some slack from the football team.

Bobby Boucher then visualizes all of his past enemies and imagine sthat who he is facing.

I can also relate with the mother played by Kathy Bates. She epitomized the mother in Louisiana.

I personally like the character of Boucher. He is your classical underdog who eventually comes out on top.

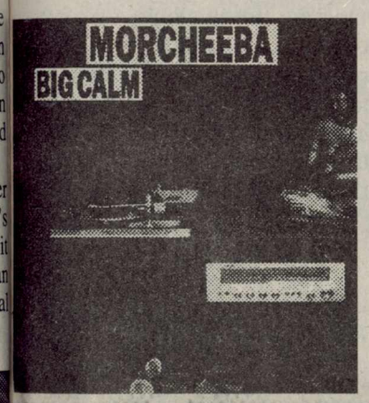
The loves interest is slightly cheesy and stupid. I know we have some troublemakers in Lousiana but we are not all that bad. Although, I would like to me Fairuza Balk in a dark alley.

Also I have to clarify something about the choice of Louisiana cuisine. The civilized bunch of us don't eat snake, baby alligator and other such vermin. I know lobster like creatures called crawfish are unusual but that is pushing it slightly.

I must also give credit to the football coaches in this movie. The plays created are like nothing I have seen.

Despite poking fun at our great state, *The Waterboy* is worth the money.

Morcheeba's *Big Calm* combines styles



Sean Woods
Staff Reporter

Morcheeba
Big Calm
Sire Records

Morcheeba may first catch your eye with their, um, interesting name, but get even closer to their haze of music and they may never let go of your senses.

The sound of Morcheeba is along the lines of trip-hop innovators Massive Attack and Portishead (In my opinion, their albums Mezzanine and Dummy are two of the most fascinating of the decade.)

Morcheeba plays with their own flavor of trip-hop so they don't sound exactly like the two forementioned bands. It's jazzy, bluesy with a dash of reggae. A good blend of horns, string instruments, blues-swirling guitars, and keen Indian sitars add to the mix of the ambient drum beats and loops.

"Diggin' a Watery Grave" may be the first musical interlude I've heard that has a Sitar laid over a blues riff. I found it interesting that Morcheeba is able to effectively combine several different styles of music and make it all sound pleasing.

Skye Edwards' vocals drench your hearing with smooth, sensuous singing. I find it amazing that her voice can be so mesmerizing every time I listen to the track "Fear and Love."

Nosaj the Great's vocals on the"Big Calm" seem a bit out of place when compared to the rest of the lyrics on this album. *Big Calm* is clean except for that one track, but it's no big deal; just a little swearing.

If you are in dire need for a change in your music habits, or if you are pleased with the innovative sounds of Portishead and Massive Attack, then give Morcheeba a listen. *Big Calm* could be the change you've been waiting for.

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Armand tells his story

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Anne Rice
The Vampire Armand
Random House

After the release of the stud-driven movie version of Interview with the Vampire, I suppose Anne Rice was pushed to publish more of her Vampire Chronicles, but perhaps she's been pushed too far.

Seems like I heard a while back that she wasn't going to put out any more, but here she goes again; this time it's The Vampire Armand, which is primarily a flashback of Armand's life from his perspective.

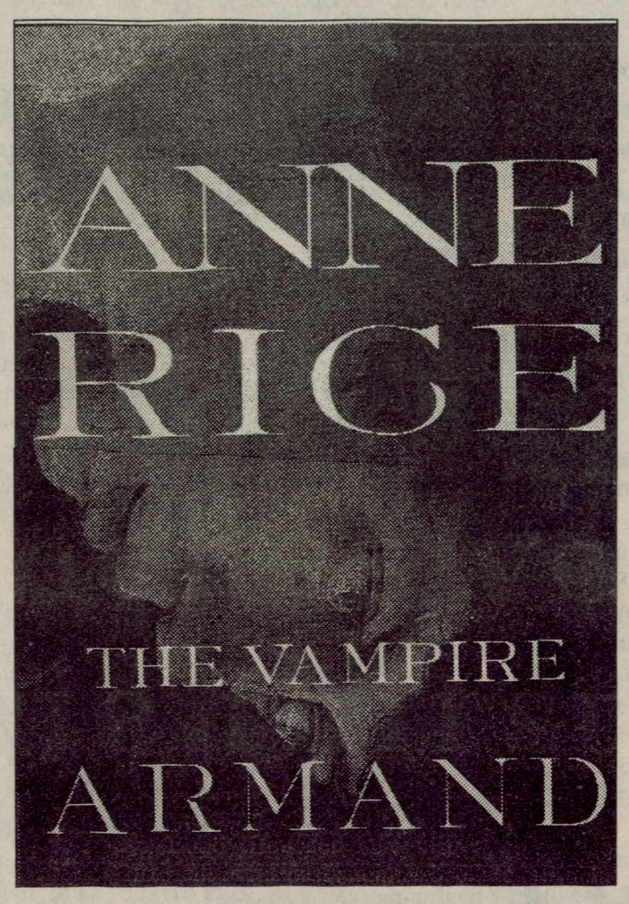
Before any serious Rice fans out there start pointing fingers, I must say that I had read all of the Vampire Chronicles before the movie was even a twinkle in some director's eye, and I have continued, a bit grudgingly, to read the novels that have come out since the movie's release. With that in mind, I must say that I think Anne isn't listening to her vampires anymore.

In The Vampire Armand, Rice takes us to the vampire scene (the "Coven of the Articulate") following Lestat's retrieval of Veronica's Veil, the climax of her last real installment, Memnoch the Devil. (There was a tangent book released about the vampire Pandora, but it didn't fit chronologically.)

Rice jettisons us back to Armand's origins. We learn how he came to be trasformed by Marius in Renaissance Venice, his unlocking of memories from his earliest childhood and what events led him to the doomed Paris coven described in The Vampire Lestat.

Throughout, Armand is in a struggle with his faith and his nature, and therein lies my problem with the book.

Rice seems to be trying to work out her own religious guilt through Armand, who has proven over the course of the other books in the series to be malicious and without remorse. If my memory is correct, he has always been one of her more evil and superficial characters, never even showing a glimmer of humanity. In The Vampire Armand, he's full of humanness, forever wrestling with guilt and God and glorifying humanity for its potential. Maybe Anne was attempting to give Armand a more three-dimensional allure here, but she could have at least made it consistent with Armand's past behavior.



Marius also has an abrupt change of heart in The Vampire Armand, going so far as to break the ultimate code of conduct in the making of new vampires. While Marius has traditionally championed humanity, he suddenly decides that people are suicidal animals. This is not the Marius of books past.

These inconsistencies are what make me think that Anne is not hearing her vampires anymore; she seems to be transposing her own evolving beliefs onto these characters, who have before shone brilliantly with individual personalities. At least she leaves Lestat alone, visiting him only briefly without introducing any radical changes of heart.

Besides my gripes, this novel does boast Rice's characteristic writing style, her attention to detail and a flowing, sensual read that is lacking in most other horror novelists. True Rice fans will no doubt have to read The Vampire Armand, but I suggest waiting for the paperback if you can't find a copy at the local library.

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Sincerely,
Luke Dowden, President
Student Government Association

What it means to be a soldier

Marc L. Eisenmann
Major (Ret.) U. S. Army
Faculty Columnist

I was asked to express my views on what it means to be a soldier. Because being a soldier means so many things to me, I wasn't sure where to start. But I recalled a letter, written by LT Daniel Ashley, of Fort Hood, Texas, that has had wide circulation electronically, which so eloquently expressed the deep feelings felt by all soldiers. I'd like to share LT Ashley's letter with you:

This past winter, a tragedy occurred in the tall evergreen forests at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. Sgt. Donald W. Slover, a tank commander, died January 14 as he was guiding his tank through the thickest of trees, fog and rain. The tank's edge clipped and uprooted a tree, which sent it crashing to the ground. The medics, arriving only minutes later, felt Sgt. Slover's last pulse.

As one of two military escorts, I was required to accompany the remains from the training area to the burial site, ensuring proper and unimpaired delivery to the next of kin. The obligation required a two-day journey from Fort Hood, Texas, to Williamsburg, Ky., via Fort Polk. This particular trip entailed a three-hour van ride, a connecting flight in Atlanta en route to Knoxville, Tenn., and a one-hour drive to Williamsburg.

Upon boarding our initial flight, we informed the flight attendant of our duties. After we explained that it was necessary for us to leave the plane first upon landing (so as not to delay the cargo personnel unloading the casket), two gentlemen offered their seats in the first row of the plane for our last-row seats. This gesture left me speechless. I am not sure they even knew our purpose for having to be first off the plane, but without questions they immediately sacrificed their seats.

After arriving in Atlanta, we were escorted by airport personnel off the plane and down to the tarmac. Standing in our dress green uniforms, we watched as the airline employees carefully unloaded the casket onto the cargo truck. The truck drove to the departing gate, and we made our way back inside the terminal. We met the cargo truck at the departure gate and again were escorted down to the tarmac to supervise the loading on the final flight.

As we headed back to the terminal, I noticed that we were being watched by the crowd awaiting the outbound flight. Not thinking much about it at the time, I scurried out of the cold and awaited the boarding call.

We boarded the plane and again informed the flight attendant of our departure requirements. Every seat on the flight was filled, and she told us that she would make an announcement upon landing that we were to exit the plane first. Having been on full flights before, I was certain that this announcement would be ignored. I was positive I would be the last person off that flight, but I took my seat in the back of the plane, my partner 10 rows in front, and with all of my military skills tried to devise a plan that could project me to the front of that plane upon landing. I concluded that even generals would have a rough time planning such an operation.

As the plane touched down in Knoxville, the flight attendant gave the standard "keep your seat belts fastened until the captain turns off the seat belt sign" announcement. She then said that two military escorts were onboard and that everyone must remain seated until we left the plane. The plane parked, and to my astonishment, not a soul moved. I have never witnessed such absolute silence. Many of the passengers turned their heads to the rear of the plane, but not a sound was made as the other escort and I donned our jackets, grabbed our bags and headed down the aisle. I realized then that all eyes were on us. As we neared the exit, an older gentleman leaned toward us and broke the silence with something I will never forget. "God bless you both," he said.

I am, sir, most truly blessed. I have been afforded the opportunity to work alongside some of the greatest sons and daughters of our nation. We know and understand that each day presents the possibility of injury or death, and we take all precautions to prevent them. We take that chance because you depend on us. We train through the roughest of conditions with minimum sleep and limited resources, to ensure we are always ready. We, sir, are most honored that you entrust us to defend your country.

I am writing this letter to say thanks. Thank you, Delta Airlines; thank you, gentlemen, for your seats; thank you, sir, for your blessings; and thank you, America, for your support. We soldiers do not expect you to understand the ways in which we live, train and fight; we just ask for a thank you from time to time. A little appreciation from the people we are defending weighs more than a chest full of awards and medals.

Sgt. Donald W. Slover gave his life training to defend the code of morality and ethics he exemplified and believed in. Sgt. Slover believed in the Army and his country. I worked alongside Sgt. Slover for more than a year. He was good at his job, and he loved it. He never complained and always did what was asked of him. Sgt. Slover always maintained the courage of his convictions. I hope he rests knowing he was appreciated. Sgt. Slover...thank you. You will be missed.

One last comment I'm compelled to make. Many years ago when I was a young new 2LT stationed in West Germany, an elderly German woman spit at me while crossing paths in a small town. It had a profound effect on me. I rationalized that she may have lost her husband or close relative in World War II in a battle with the United States, but it changed my whole outlook on how American soldiers are viewed by societies. I imagined how difficult it would have been for American soldiers coming home from Vietnam and have fellow Americans treat them the same way. We soldiers are America's national treasure, who carry out the sometimes terrible directives of our Nations elected officials, but we are still your treasure and should not be looked upon as an evil entity with the sole purpose to bring wrath upon our enemies. Although we do that very well, we are basically your servants, protecting the freedoms so often absent in other counties throughout the world. We gain our pride from the nation as a whole, and how our citizens view us has an immense impact on our morale.

Do you know your God?

Jamie Slayter
opinion columnist

Hello, I am God. I know what you're thinking, especially in the Bible Belt Buckle that we live in. "That's absurd!" But no, it's really not. I mean think about it. Have you ever SEEN God? No? Then you don't know what he looks like, do you?

It says in the Bible that God created the world. I did that; in fact I've done it hundreds of times and I'll keep right on doing it. I do it every morning when I wake up and open my eyes...there it is! The world that I just created! But of course you could argue, "Well in that case, everyone's God!" You're exactly right, in a way. Not everyone IS God, but everyone has the potential to be. When I no longer believe in the world, it will cease to exist. What? You think that's impossible? It's not. When I no longer believe in the world, it will cease to exist for ME.

You may think it's farfetched, but since I believe myself to be God it doesn't matter because I'm all there is. In my opinion there is no 'other' to whom the world still exists.

The dictionary defines God to be, "One who is worshipped or idealized as a God." Well, I worship myself. I am a self-ordained God. Isn't that really all you need to be, or do? Just believe you are God, and worship yourself. That's it!! That's what I do. I live for myself, and for personal gratification only.

In my opinion, (and since I am God, that's all that matters) that is the only way to live. You're probably still trying to prove to me that I am not God. But can you?

C'mon, think about it. I don't think it's possible. I don't think you CAN prove me wrong. The term 'God' is very questionable...no one knows what God is or what God does.

In order to prove what God is not, you must first prove what God is. People have been trying in vain for centuries to do this.

The only thing we know about God comes from our imagination, so therefore there is no 'right' or 'wrong' answer! If someone can prove to me that I am not God, then I will simply just change my opinion. Until that day, I rule the world.

Now I know that you're thinking (since I am God, of course) "If you're God, then make this happen, or make that happen, blah blah blah," And I will say, "No!" and you will say, "That's because you CAN'T!" And I'll say, "No, that's because I don't WANT to." I don't want to because you don't matter to me. You are only a figment of my imagination, my own creation, and personally I couldn't care less about what you think.

This is all about perception versus reality. I can see whatever I want, if I can convince myself of it. But, as time goes on, the more things that you convince yourself of that differ from the shared reality, the more contradictions you invent.

The more contradictions you invent, the harder it is to maintain your version of reality. Eventually there is a choice: either to live as a vegetable in your own little world, or face everyone's shared reality. Therefore abuse of power destroys the very power that this concept gives you.

A lot of you still think I'm crazy, but as I said before I don't care. A select educated open-minded few actually understood it and either agreed or disagreed from a completely objective point of view. To those who are thinking on the same level that I am, isn't it great?

Letter to the Editor

Let's take a look at the recent endeavor by Jamie Slayter, "Why is weed illegal". The root of the problem with this article is the fact that the entirety is based on a lie... a big lie.

The fact is that marijuana is addictive. Recent studies in England and Europe as well as the United States show that marijuana is addictive both physically and psychologically. The "addiction argument" today is centered on the seriousness of the addiction and not whether it exists.

I particularly liked Jamie's statement that marijuana is an herb "straight from Mother Nature herself". So is arsenic Jamie, would you like some? ... enough said.

"Healthwise" it is an established fact (not speculation as Jamie insinuates) that smoking marijuana is more damaging than smoking tobacco. Because of certain chemical reactions at the cellular level smoking marijuana does not decrease the capacity of the lungs. However, for the same reason the risk of cancer is greatly increased. Coughing and phlegm problems in marijuana smokers is just as bad as in tobacco smokers even though the marijuana smokers tend to smoke about one-fifth as much as the tobacco smokers.

As for the comparison between marijuana and alcohol and tobacco there really is no comparison. The only reason marijuana is smoked is to get high. Tobacco cigarettes do not make people high and beer can be enjoyed as a beverage without getting you drunk.

Now what about some of the other facts? Well if Jamie had bothered to try to find out anything about the subject she would have learned that industrial hemp, which is used in the manufacture of fabric, has no THC (the hallucinogenic chemical) in it and therefore has no value other than its manufacturing potential. He would also have found out that there is already a nationwide movement to legalize industrial hemp for this reason.

As George Washington said, "Make the most of the hemp seed and sow it everywhere." Now what do you suppose he was referring to? Wouldn't it have been nice of Jamie to include all of what George Washington had to say, rather than just that small quote that could be misinterpreted?

Lastly, I would like to know where Jamie got the fact that "there has never been a single fatality caused by marijuana." Even as a child, I learned the lesson of being careful when you make sweeping statements that include the words always, never, all and none.

Sincerely,
Chris Foster

Letter from the Editor

Let me say from the beginning, as far as the *Current Sauce* is concerned, this is the final word on the matter of the homecoming elections. I am closing this debate because animals on this campus are so petty that they would actually harass another student for expressing her opinion. Ursula had an opinion and sent it to the paper just like the African-American Caucus and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Unfortunately, narrow-minded people on this campus took this as a threat and felt the urge to show their true ignorance. My hat goes off to the two ladies (I use the term *loosely*), who publicly shouted profanities at Ursula in Varnado Hall. At least you said it to her face, no matter how tasteless the comment. What is truly sad is the fact that the girls are African-American. The AAC and NPHC very professionally presented their arguments and worked hard to maintain credibility; only to have a couple of ill-mannered wenches ruin it in less than a minute. My only hope is that none of these idiots are members of the AAC or NPHC.

Even worse is the individual or group who has vandalized Ursula's door, left profane messages on her phone, slid hate letters into her room. Whoever you are, I hope that you realize you hide behind your anonymity like the Ku Klux Klan hides behind their white masks. *You are no better than the Klan.* As a matter of fact, you are the true racists.

On a different note, I found the opening statement of last week's letter to the editor from the AAC and the NPHC to conflict with their original letter. How can you say "This is not a black/white issue..."?

The original letter had such comments as: "...NSU encompasses a vast amount of white Phi Mu's and Tri Sigma's. Asians, African-Americans, other sororities and non-Greeks would appear to be nonexistent on this campus...(sic). The facts are that 60% of the students living on this campus are African-Americans, yet they are not reflected at all in this vote."

Let's not forget the statement about the days of segregation.

Your original letter set the tone for the subsequent responses whether you wanted it to or not. As for my comment, I must apologize because I was under the impression that two organizations, whose primary function is the service of colored people, would be aware of black history. Well, even though it is not February, I will elaborate. In the 1950s, Northwestern, like many other schools, was segregated. My comment was not an attack on black suffrage.

If anyone feels the urge to further discuss the matter please email me at CURRENTSAUCE@alpha.nsula.edu. I will be glad to schedule a time with you to talk about it.

Sports

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Spangler heads Bearkat upheaval, 59-3

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Quarterback Brad Spangler seemed to be in his element Saturday afternoon.

" It just felt good," Spangler said. " I just went out there and had a good time and thing work out for me tonight. It just feel good for me to do my part and help this team out."

Spangler threw for 326 yards and three touchdowns as the Northwestern State Demons manhandled the Sam Houston State Bearkats 59-3 in conference football action.

Spangler's performance ranks sixth in school history as he started for an injured Warren Patterson.

The 59 points of this game are the most scored since 1981 and the third 50-plus game for the Demons this season.

Northwestern State total 555 offensive yards while the Bearkats only tallied 219 total offensive yards.

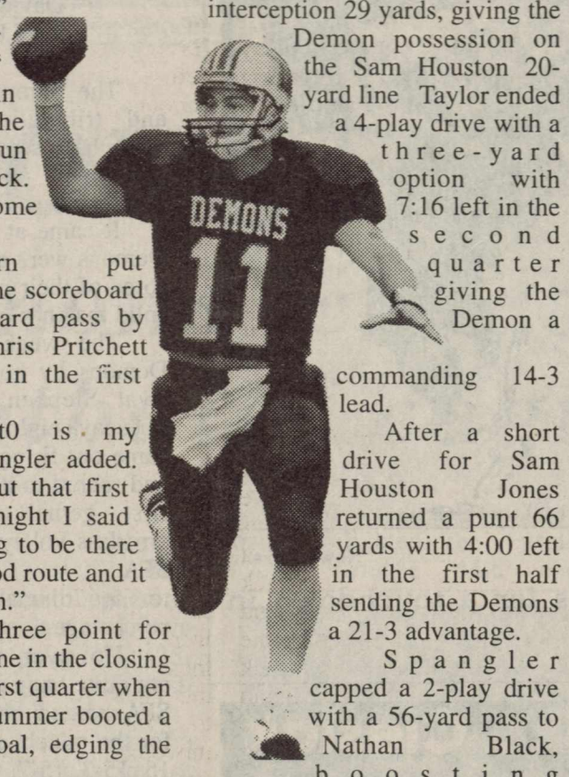
Jermaine Jones spearheaded the Purple Swarm returning a punt return for touchdown and a interception. Jones is a finalist for the Buck Buchanan award, given to the top defensive player in I-AA football.

The Demon defense sacked Bearkat quarterbacks Aaron Walters and Matt Buss

"We played a great game," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. " I thought Brad was superb, the receivers did a great job running routes and making catches and the line did a nice job of protection. When the defense is selling out shutting down the run like that, it gives you the chance to go up top and beat them throwing the ball."

The Demon also had a rushing attack lead by Tony Taylor who had 73 yards on 9 carries and two touchdowns. The rushing game acquired 4 of the 7 touchdowns scored.

"I felt that I was able to help the team out," Taylor commented. " Coach came in and said that he was to see me run the ball and block. I think I made some good blocks."



Northwestern put themselves on the scoreboard 7-0 on a 35-yard pass by Spangler to Chris Pritchett with 3:06 left in the first quarter.

" Pritchett0 is my roommate," Spangler added. "We talked about that first touchdown all night I said that it was going to be there and he ran a good route and it was a touchdown."

The lone three point for Sam houston came in the closing seconds of the first quarter when kicker James Dummer booted a 29-yard field goal, edging the Bearkats to 7-3.

Jones then returned an interception 29 yards, giving the Demon possession on the Sam Houston 20-yard line Taylor ended a 4-play drive with a three-yard option with 7:16 left in the second quarter giving the Demon a commanding 14-3 lead.

After a short drive for Sam Houston Jones returned a punt 66 yards with 4:00 left in the first half sending the Demons a 21-3 advantage.

Spangler capped a 2-play drive with a 56-yard pass to Nathan Black, boosting Northwestern to a 34-3 lead.

Placekicker Thomas LaToof nailed a 34-yard field goal four minute later inching the Demon along 38-3.

After Sam houston turn the ball over on downs, Taylor ends a 6-play, 92 yard drive with a 33-yard run with 3:48 left in the third putting the Demon out front 45-3.

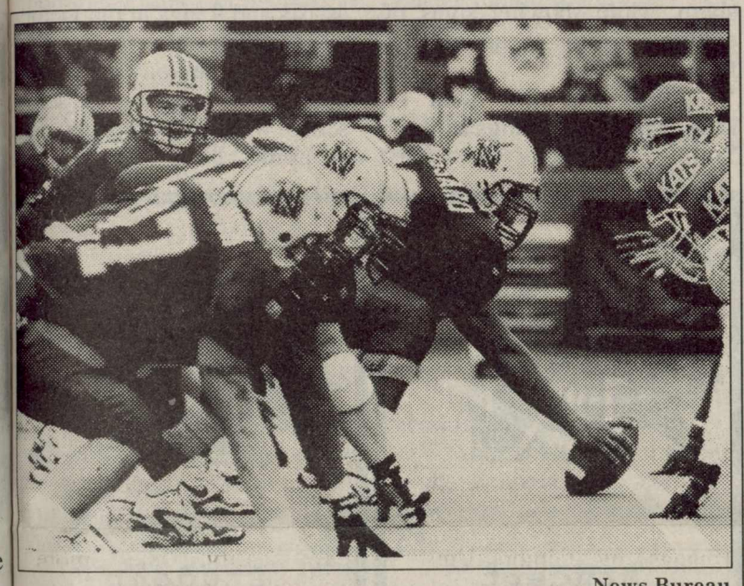
"On that run It was a 56," Taylor continued. "I pulled around the corner When they pulled around it looked like they wanted it to go outside but I went inside. I got hit a couple of times but kept my balance and was able to keep my balance and get in the end zone."

Another loss of downs by the Bearkats gave the Demons possession on the Northwestern 40-yard line. Brian Jacquet capped a 60-yard drive with a 4-run with :12 left in the third quarter setting the Demon advantage at 52-3.

Darvel Bivens clinched the Demons scoring frenzy with a 49-yard up the middle run with 11:50 left in the game setting the score 59-3.

"It's awfully tough when you go against a team late in the season that has things rolling their way," Bearkats head coach Ron Randleman said. "You make a mistake and they get some momentum and things just seem to come easily."

"I think the defense played the biggest role in the margin of victory," Goodwin added. "They controlled Sam Houston and while we were struggling early trying to figure out what they did differently defensively, our defense totally dominated and kept getting us the ball back so we could try to make something work."



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Brad Spangler spearheads the offensive attack.

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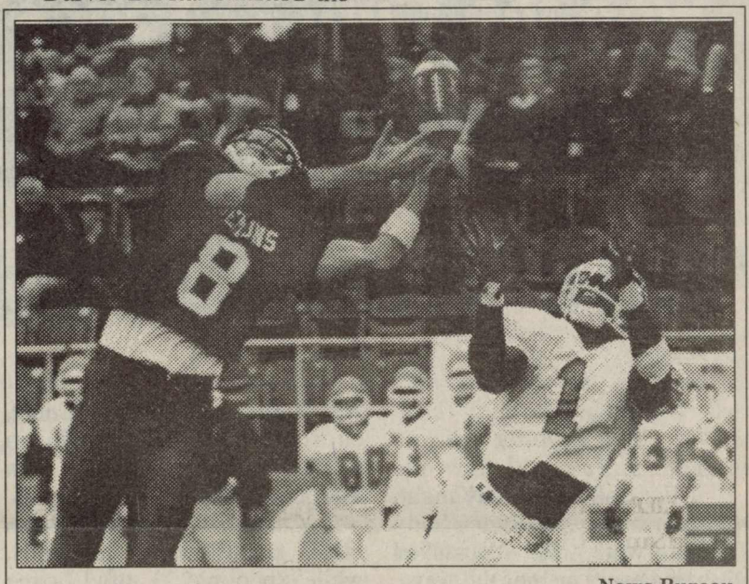

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The Spangler-Pritchett combination works as shown here.

Hoops starts off with Vasda

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The 1998-99 Demon basketball season got off to a shaky start last Wednesday as the VASDA USA team overcame a 16-point halftime deficit to defeat the Demons 82-79.

The young Demon squad, which features 10 new players and five junior college transfers, controlled the tempo early on, holding VASDA to only 36 percent shooting from the field in the first half.

But in the second half, VASDA woke up and shot 55 percent and gradually cut into the Demons' lead.

Leading scorer Robert Martin put VASDA ahead with 1:18 remaining by scoring two of his 20 at this time.

"I was very disappointed in our inside players and their lack of rebounding," said head coach J.D. Barnett.

"We built a sizeable lead but did not continue to play hard and tough defensively, and that left them the opportunity to come back."

Alann Polk and Charles Johnson both led the Demons in scoring with 13 points apiece. NSU out-rebounded VASDA 38-36, but also gave up 16 offensive rebounds to VASDA.

Richard Taylor led the Demons in rebounding with 9.

The Demons had an opportunity to win the game late in the fourth quarter, when Taylor and Polk both hit two free throws with about 30 seconds left to tie the game. In an effort to stop the clock, Polk fouled VASDA's Landers Nolly in the backcourt.

Nolly made both free throws and, after a miss by Taylor on the Demons' next possession, Robert Martin iced the game with two more free throws to put VASDA up by four with 9 seconds to go.

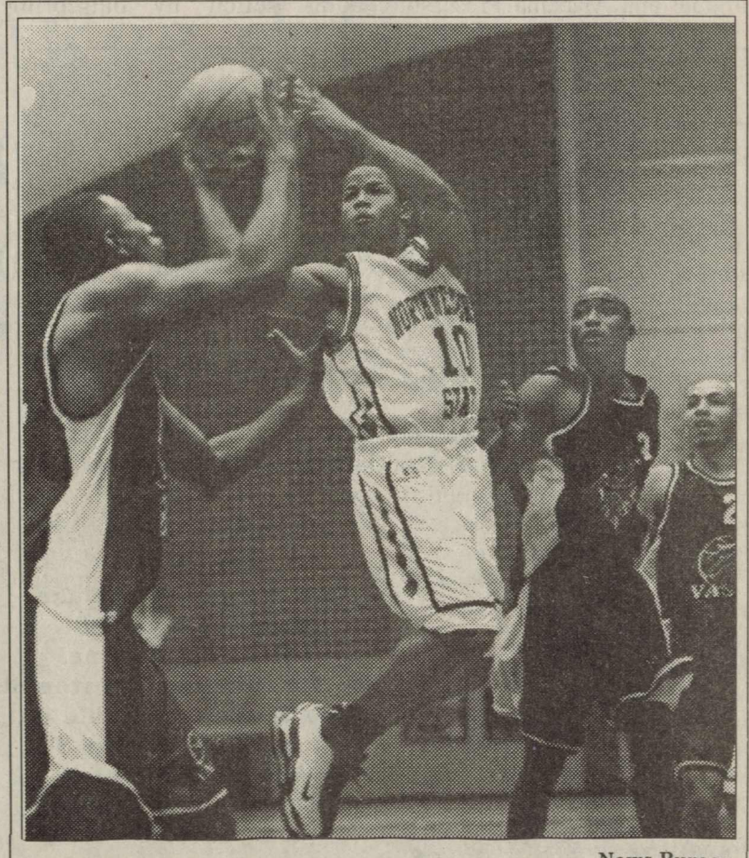
"Our guys have to learn that in Division I basketball, you can't play in spurts," said coach Barnett.

VASDA head coach Elbert Outlaw agreed, saying that "their inexperience caught up with them in the second half."

"We have some good talent from son.e major college programs," said Outlaw, "so to build a lead like they did against us was impressive, especially for a young team."

The road for the Demons won't get any easier, as they play the first four games of the regular season on the road, one of which a nationally-ranked Oklahoma team. The Demons will not have to travel very far for their next game, as the take on Oklahoma State that Monday.

The last two games of the road trip will be against Mississippi State and then Grambling before opening the home schedule against Louisiana Tech November 30.



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A Demon basketball player goes for the lay-up against VASDA-USA.

Hoops keeps pace with OU

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons started out Saturday's against Oklahoma University on fire, leading the Sooners 28-24 at halftime.

But in the second half, the Sooners showed why they are considered one of the top teams in the country and rallied to beat the Demons 75-55.

The Sooners started the second half scoring the first seven points and then pulled away for good with a 16-0 run with 14:50 left in the game.

As with the VASDA game, rebounding also did in the undermatched Demon team, with the Sooners out-rebounding the Demons 45-27. The Sooners also outshot the Demons in the second half, making 50 percent of their shots as opposed to the Demons' 37 percent.

"I was very pleased with the way we played, the effort we gave, except for 3 to 4 minutes where I don't think we played as hard as we absolutely could have," said coach J.D. Barnett.

"We hung in there as long as we could, and for that, I'm proud of our guys," said Barnett.

Freshman Ryan Duplessis and sophomore Alann Polk led the Demons with both with 15 points. Nine players played for the Demons, with Junior college transfer Amid Sardinea getting 8 points off the bench.

The 6"7' Sardinea, who along with Charles Johnson make up the two tallest members of the Demon team, also had a team-high 5 rebounds.

"All I was concerned about was creating a work ethic and I liked what I saw from our guys in that regard," said Barnett. "Obviously we got killed on the glass, and against a team with such a big size advantage and great athleticism, you expect that."

"You hope it doesn't happen, but its a fact," Barnett also added.

Northwestern had the Sooners on its heels in the first half. After trailing 13-7 early on, the Demons went on a 9-3 run, 5 of which came from Polk, to tie the game late in the first half.

Then, the shot of the day came from Duplessis, who hit a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the half to give the Demons a four point lead into halftime.

The game then turned into a one-man show for Oklahoma point guard Michael Johnson, who nailed 18 of his game-high 23 points in the second half alone to spur the Sooners to a 16-0 run late in the second half. Oklahoma also got 10 points from four other players, including Eduardo Najera, who grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds also.

The Demons never came any closer than 15 points the rest of the game.

"We told the guys that (OU coach) Kelvin Sampson was breathing fire in the other dressing room at the half and that they had better be ready, because Oklahoma was coming out in gear" said Barnett.

"I guess our guys had to see it before they understood what we were saying."

The Demons will have little time to rebound as Monday night, they travel down the road to Stillwater to take on nationally ranked Oklahoma State. The Cowboys, ranked 13th in the nation, are expected to finish first in the Big 12 conference, ahead of perennial powerhouse Kansas.

"Our key is effort," said Barnett. "If we play Oklahoma State the same way we played Oklahoma, no matter what the outcome, I will be pleased."

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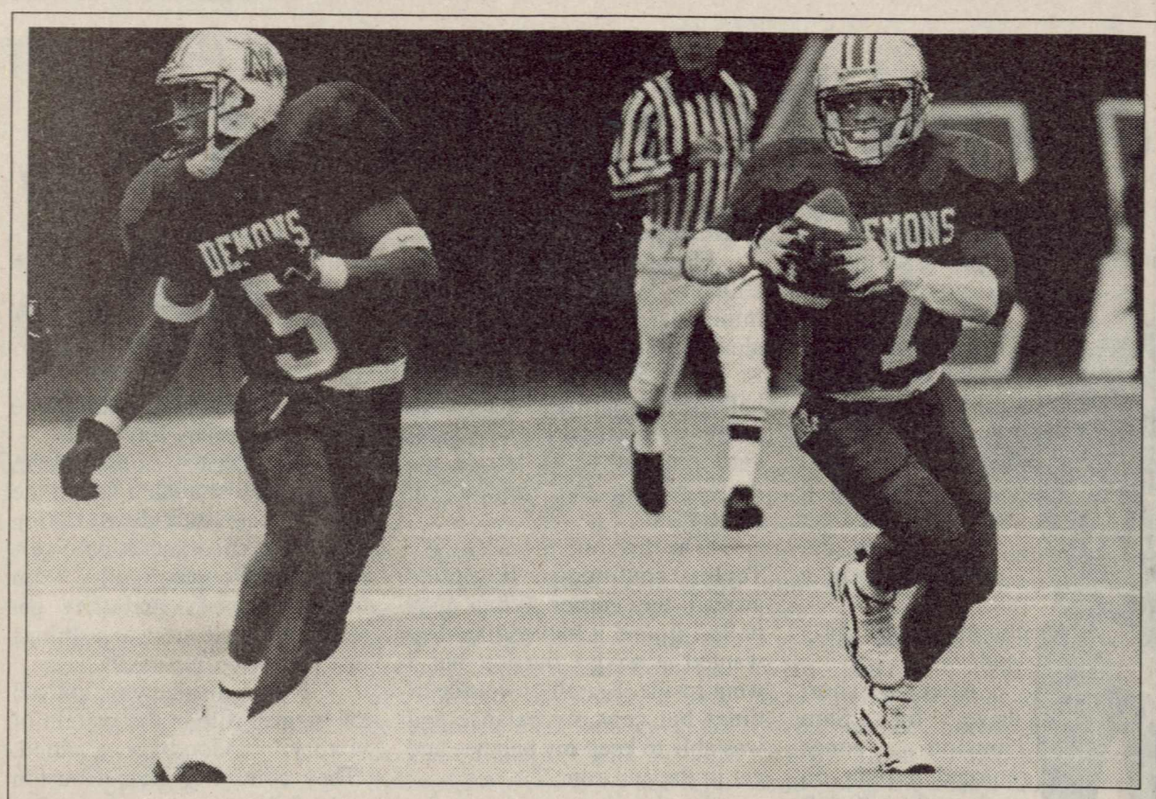

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Senior Jermaine Jones returns a punt 66 yards for a touchdown in Saturday's game.

Jeremy Bonnette and Mike Cieslak won the *Current Sauce* Challenge this week with just three misses. Congratulations!

Volleyball team ends season, sweeps Nicholls senior day

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The bumps, bruises, trials, and tribulations of a long volleyball season have finally come to an end for the Northwestern State Demons.

It came at a time when the Demons were beginning to play some of their most competitive, solid matches of the season.

The week began for the Demons by hosting conference rival Stephen F. Austin last Tuesday night. The Demons came out firing on all cylinders and roared to a 13-1 lead in the first game, playing nearly errorless volleyball and holding SFA to a dismal .061 attack percentage.

However, they could just not quite hang on to the lead, as SFA battled back, hitting .345 for the match, en route to a 10-15, 15-3, 15-7, 15-0 victory.

The Demon sophomores and freshmen continued their impressive play, as they have in past weeks. Sophomore setter Missy Krause broke her own school record of 904 assists, while posting 40 in the match, to run her season total to 944. She also added 12 digs to the cause as well. Freshman Jessica Smith continued to look good, leading NSU with 15 kills and 12 digs.

Lisa Abner, also a freshman, added 10 kills, while sophomore April Addeo added 9 kills and a .389 attack percentage. Sondra Lima also added 9 digs as well.

Friday night, the Demons played host to Southeastern Louisiana at Prather Coliseum.

Despite having five players with double-double performances, the Demons dropped a quite competitive, entertaining match, 15-11, 12-15, 15-9, 11-15, 15-10.

Krause added to her season assist total by adding 61 in the match, to become the first player in NSU history to record 1000 assists in a single season. Krause also led the team with 16 digs on the night. Again, the Demon freshmen continued to look sharp, while showing signs of exciting times ahead in the future.

Abner led NSU with 17 kills, and added 16 digs as well. Smith continued to play impressive volleyball, looking good and adding 16 kills and 15 digs to the effort.

Shera Karasiak added 12 kills and 13 digs, while Addeo totaled 12 kills and 12 digs as well. Lima also added 12 digs to the cause as well.

The Demons then hosted Nicholls State in a season-ending match on Saturday night.

NSU controlled the match from the very beginning, as senior Kendra Peters led the Demons to a 15-5, 15-3, 15-13 season-ending victory.

Peters, the lone senior on the young squad, was honored in a pregame ceremony, and then proceeded to impress in her final game of her three year career at NSU, leading the team with 11 kills and 10 digs.

Kim Hand added 9 kills and 8 block assists, which tied a school record for most in a match. Addeo added 7 kills and 7 digs, while Krause amassed 35 assists and 9 digs in the victory.

Northwestern (5-26, 2-18) finished the season on a winning note, while sweeping the season series with the Colonels, after dropping both matches last

Tide Takes NSU in Second Half

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

For one half Friday night, the Northwestern State Lady Demons were with 9th ranked Alabama every step of the way.

However, a second half surge out of the locker room allowed the Crimson Tide to pull away, thanks to some NSU foul trouble and Alabama Preseason All-American Dominique Canty, en route to a 93-65 win in women's basketball in Tuscaloosa, Ala..

Canty had game-high totals of 25 points and 9 rebounds, while shooting 11 of 12 free throws.

Northwestern shot 13 of 17 from the charity stripe in the first half, while rallying from a 7-point deficit by outscoring Alabama 9-2 over the final 2:49 of the first half, to force a 33-33 tie at the intermission.

"The first half was like I thought it would be," said Lady Demons head coach James Smith.

However, Alabama went on a 14-2 run during the first 4:12 of the second half. The Lady Demons missed seven of their first eight shots after the break, while 'Bama hit five of its first seven. Alabama outshot Northwestern 57 percent to 24 percent during the second half. Northwestern shot only 29 percent (18 of 62) for the game, including a dismal 1 of 15 from downtown.

Northwestern cam close with just over 11 minutes to go in the game, cutting the Alabama lead to 57-50. The Crimson Tide then went on a 17-3 run spanning four minutes, in building an 84-58 lead with less than five minutes to go.

"We rebounded well, but we were always in foul trouble, especially as the game went on in the second half. They controlled the boards after halftime, and that helped them pull away, " Smith said.

Both teams combined for a total of 57 fouls, including 28 on Northwestern. The Demons were led by Louise Chase, who had 17 points, but only played 20 minutes before fouling out. Judy Clark had 12 points, but was plagued by four fouls herself. Jamila Newman also contributed 10 points as well.

The Lady Demons next hit the road for a matchup at Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Thursday.

Student Athlete of the Week

Brad Spangler
Football

The backup quarterback went all out Saturday throwing for 326 yards on 19 attempts and 13 completions Spangler capped the evening with 326 yard passing . The Demon moved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the SFL.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 14
2 pm at SFA

Student Athlete of the Week

Kendra Peters
Volleyball

In her final match for NSU, the senior had 11 kills, 10 digs and .375 attack percentage to lead the Demons to a season ending 15-6, 15-3, 15-13 win Saturday night over Nicholls

Upcoming Home Contests
November 19
Women's Hoops
7p.m. vs. Ark. Pine Bluff

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___Auburn at Alabama___
___Mississippi at Georgia___
___Army at Louisville___

NFL

___Seattle at Dallas___
___Green Bay at Indianapolis___
___Jacksonville at Pittsburgh___
___Chicago at Atlanta___
___Philadelphia at NY Giants___
___Detroit at Tampa Bay___
___Arizona at Washington___
___Carolina at St. Louis___
___Kansas City at San Diego___
___Baltimore at Cincinnati___
___New Orleans at San Francisco ___

Monday Night (tie breaker)

___Miami at New England___
Total points scored_____

Name:_____ Number:_____

The rules are simple. Choose the teams that you think will win this Saturday, and check it by the appropriate blank. The person who chooses the most winners correctly will receive a large Domino's pizza. In the chance of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the number of total points scored in the Monday night game. You can fax your picks to 6564 or come by room 225 of Kyser and put them in the sports editor's box. The winner will be announced in the next *Current Sauce*. Come by the same room on Wednesdays or call 357-5381 to claim your prize. Only one entry per person.

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How sweet it is!

Demons left as Southland Football League champions

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

The Northwestern State Demons gave the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks that deja-vu feeling as they stomped them 35-21 at Homer Bryce Stadium in conference football action.

This win, with the help of a 31-30 upset by Nicholls State at McNeese State, made the Demons the outright Southland Conference champions. It is the first time since Arkansas State in 1985-86 a Southland conference team has won back-to-back championships.

Northwestern (9-2), will host Illinois State (8-3) on Nov. 28, the first home I-AA playoffs ever the school history. In 1988, the Demons reached the quarterfinals, beating Boise State and losing to Idaho. Last year the Demon lost the first round to the Eastern Washington Eagles.

Backup tailback Tony "the Pinball" Taylor lead the rushing game for Northwestern carries the ball 19 times for 103 yards.

Quarterback Brad Spangler lead the air attack Saturday throwing for 123 yards on 14 attempts, seven completions and two interceptions.

Senior cornerback Jermaine Jones higlighted the Purple Swarm defense with one interception and two pass breakups. With those breakups, Jones broke the single-season record.

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Greg Sankey, Southland Conference commissioner, hands Coach Sam Goodwin his coveted prize, the SFL trophy.

Northwestern lit the scoreboard first when Kenny Wright intercepted a pass by Travis Fallon and returned to the SFA one-yard line. This set up a one-yard run for Darren Drago with 12:33 left in the first quarter, giving the Demon as 7-0 edge.

The Demons next score came with 3:26 in the first quarter as Brian Jacquet capped a 7 play, 57-yard rive with a four-yard run, pushing the Demons forward 14-0.

On Northwestern opening drive of the second quarter, Jacquet rushed for two yards, ending an 85-yard rive boost the Demons advantage 21-0.

Another long drive ended for Northwestern as Spangler kept the ball four yards ending a 6-play drive, giving Northwestern a insurmountable 28-0 lead.

A hail Mary-pass in the closing second of the first half by Fallon to Lawrence Pullen inched SFA to 28-7.

The Lumberjacks began threatening with 10:28 in the third quarter scoring on a one-yard run up the middle by KaRon Coleman pushing SFA forward 28-14.

An intercepted by Pat House gave the Lumberjacks possession on the Demons 14-yard line. Isisah Stoker then finished the drive with a 14-yard run with 14:01 left in the game near SFA closer 28-21.

A haifback pass by Jacquet to Nathan Black set up a one-yard keeper by Spangler with 2:06 left making the Demons champs 35-21.

Ewing speaks on TOPS, family

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

"It is not enough to have a winning football team: you must have a winning attitude in the classroom," Senator Randy Ewing, president of the state Senate, said.

Ewing spoke at the November meeting of the Council of Student Body Presidents last Saturday at Grambling.

Although Ewing touched upon many topics in his talk, he focused on the TOPS Scholarship Program, the new community college system and contemporary family issues.

> **"Without education, you will not be equipped to move on. Education will really be the key to your future."**
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> *Randy Ewing*
> *President of the state Senate*

"We have put more into higher education than ever before," Ewing said.

The state budgeted $90 million for TOPS, but because of the high participation in the program, the state has found itself $25 million under budget.

"We have adequate funds, and we are committed to the TOPS Program," Ewing said. "I don't think that there is any reason to be alarmed about it."

By Dec. 31, the state will form a board to oversee the community college system.

"We feel that there is such a large part of our population that is not going to school [college] that could be served," Ewing said.

Ewing explained that the community college system will not compete with the pre-existing university system.

"Our mission is not to have two systems," Ewing said.

Ewing also expressed his concerns about the conditions of families today.

"I am actually going to take better care of my dog and my horse tonight than many children will be [taken care of] in this state," Ewing said. "If a child has lunch at school, it may be the only meal he eats all day."

Echoing the sentiments of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ewing called for the whole "village" to take part in raising children.

"We can not legislate love, responsibility, motherhood or fatherhood," Ewing said. "The worst form of child abuse is not giving them a proper education."

The state is legislating economic reform.

"Your state is about to build a new economic plan, and education is at the cornerstone," Ewing said.

Ewing stressed the value of an education. About 16 percent of Louisiana's residents have a college degree.

"We must be willing to make sacrifices for education," Ewing said. "Without education, you will not be equipped to move on. Education will really be the key to your future."

Ewing encouraged students to communicate with the state.

"I think that the American process needs to have easy access," Ewing said. "Sometimes you assume that we know everything. It would scare you how little we know."

Fan support makes difference

Shelly Baswell
Contributing Writer

Only 5,117 fans turned out to see the Demons beat Sam Houston State 59-3.

However, the low fan turnout did not stop the Demons from upsetting the Bearkats. In fact, the 59 points scored by the Demons were the most points scored in a single game since 1981. So, what affect do the fans have on the team's performance?

Coaches know how important the fans are to the team. Consequently, the team feeds off of the energy of the crowd. The crowd's energy level often reflects on the team's performance level.

"The fans give the team energy: they really pump up the players," Coach Kevin Corless said. "The fans really help the team's performance."

Furthermore, players also recognize the importance of the fans' support. In fact, the players count on the fans' attendance, as well as their enthusiasm level, to motivate them.

"Hearing the people cheering helps us get pumped up," defensive lineman Chris Collier said. "It's very important to have the fans supporting us. They really get us fired up."

Although there were not many fans present for the Sam Houston State game, Demon fans have been supportive throughout the season. For example, the season started in a game against Southern, with fans setting a record of 16,706 in attendance. The previous record of 16,222 fans was set in 1996, and it was also against Southern. So, the small number of fans for the Sam Houston game was disappointing for the coaches and the players.

However, Collier attributes the cause of the low turnout to the weather, not the lack of fan support. He thinks the rain kept the fans from coming out to the Sam Houston game, but he expects the fans to continue to support the Demons in the future.

Athletic Director Greg Burke is proud of the fans and the way they support the Demons.

"We've had a great turnout all year," Burke said. "We count on the fans, and they are very supportive of the football team."

Burke will continue to count on the fans in the future. He feels the fans will be instrumental in the Demons' performance in the play-offs.

"We're optimistic that the fans will be there continuing to support us," Burke said.

Colliers agrees that the fans will be key to the Demons play-off game Saturday against Illinois State. He feels that because the fans have come through before, they'll continue to do so.

"The fans have done a great job in the past, and I think they'll really support us, especially if we go to the play-offs," Colliers said.

Was Fall Break a success or a bust?

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty have complained about the changes that took place this semester in the school calendar.

An amendment caused the Thanksgiving break to be split, leaving only five-and-a half days to travel and spend time with family.

In the previous years, students and faculty had a full week for Thanksgiving Holidays. However, they did not have a two-day Fall Break.

The Fall Break served as time to regroup after mid-term exams, which most students enjoyed, but not at the expense of a full week for Thanksgiving.

"I don't like it split up," Lindsey Founds, junior, said. "I just want a full week's vacation."

As it is, many members of the school faculty have complained about the changing break. Dr. Lissa Pollacia, vice president of the Faculty Senate, is currently involved with a survey of the faculty to see if they are in favor of readjusting the calendar.

"We want to see the faculty's views," Pollacia said.

According to Pollacia, some of the faculty feels that reverting back to a one week break "would be more advantageous."

Despite all of the complaints, statistics must be obtained before any efforts to restore the full week break can proceed.

In addition, to the Faculty Senate's poll, the Student Government Association is also surveying the student body. Once the results are finalized, the outcome will most likely be made public.

One problem that many have against the shortened break is the travel time lost. Also, for faculty members who live in town, it is difficult to find someone to look after their younger children who are dismissed from public school for the entire week.

"They have no one to watch their children who would normally be in school," Pollacia said.

Asante Freeman, senior, faces a different problem.

"I'm from New York and with only a few days off, I have no time to travel and see my family," Freeman said. "Plus, I have to pay for the days that I'll be in the dorms during the break," he continued.

Dr. Leigh Ann Myers, mathematics professor, did an unofficial survey of about 50 of her students to find that only 4 of them preferred the current schedule.

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See-Saw-A-thon raises money

Stephanie Danby
Contributing Writer

Sigma Sigma Sigma's "See-Saw-A-Thon" had an arresting success last Wednesday.

At the corner of College and Jefferson Street, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma accepted donations from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. to benefit the family of Sean McGill.

McGill, brother of Sigma Sigma Sigma's Frances McGill, died of organ failure at the LSU Medical Center on November 12th.

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Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Kappa Sigma sponsored a See-Saw-A-thon to raise money for the family of Sean McGill.

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma raised about $1,500 to defray the cost of the medical expenses that built up while McGill was in the hospital.

"We're really glad the See-Saw-A-Thon was a success," Joe Rawley, Kappa Sigma pledge, said. "We know the money will really help the family. We were glad to help out a fellow student."

However, the fund-raiser did not get off without a hitch.

Police confiscated the money and shut-down Sigma Sigma Sigma's fund-raiser at about 7 p.m. for operating in a historic district without a permit.

Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma visited the police station Thursday and recovered the money that was raised.

"We just wanted to make sure that the money got to the McGills, and it did," Sigma Sigma Sigma Treasurer Sandy Schmieder said. "That's what counts."

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma thank all who contributed to benefit the McGill family.

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Student Government Association: One Senator at Large position is available. For information, call 357-4501 or come by room 222 in the Student Union. Six to eight students are needed for the Student Advisory Committee to the IM Planning Council. Freshmen and sophomores are preferred because the committee will meet until the completion of the IM renovations. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union every week.

Hurricane Mitch Relief: Lesa Thompson and Jennifer Long of the Department of Journalism thank everyone who donated goods this past week: the Fisher Women of First Methodist Church, Marthaville First Baptist Church, Tamara Burnett, Dr. Lisa Abney, Dr. Rocky Colavito, and everyone else who brought in items. You have done more good than a mention in the newspaper could ever re-pay you for!

Kappa Delta Pi: A clothing drive will be held for underprivileged children in Natchitoches beginning Nov. 16. New or nearly new clothing can be brought to Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. For more information, call (318) 357-5553.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Works Method Three: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and you do not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion. We represent, but are not limited to, many paths such as Stegaheria, Celtic Reconstructionist Paganism, British Isles Shamanism and the Old Faery-Faith.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail Alastarm@hotmail.com.

PRSSA: The Public Relations Student Society of America is raffling a $500 shopping spree at Wal-Mart just in time for Christmas. Tickets are $1 each and can be purchased from any member of the organization. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 4. Contact 357-4433 for further information.

Ladies flag football team wins 2nd place

Clint Gibson
Contributing Writer

Who said football was just made for the boys to play?

Say that to any of the 12 members of the Ladies Flag Football Team, and you're likely to be seeing stars for the next two weeks.

The team competed Nov. 14 in Pensacola, Fl. at the Nike College Flag Football Invitational and came back to Natchitoches with second place honors.

They won both games played Saturday and beat the University of West Florida in quarterfinal play.

The team proved their competitve nature when they beat Southern in semifinal action. They walked away first place losers when Florida A & M beat them in the final duel. A total of 15 teams played at the invitational including flag football powerhouse, the University of Western Kentucky.

The team decided to pull the best players from other on-campus flag football teams to comprise one team. The only experience the girls had playing flag football was against each other--until they went to regionals.

"This was the first time we played as a team, and we came together and clicked," Christie Rachal, player, said. "We played like no NSU flag football team has ever played before."

Captain Amanda Barham was happy with the team's outcome but was content with just having fun.

"We went out there and did the best we could and surprised ourselves, but most importantly, we had fun," Barham said.

Quarterback Teilla Broussard, coined as the "Troy Aikman of the team" by her teammates, agrees with Barham.

"We did good, but if we just go out there and have fun, that is the name of the game," Broussard said.

Because of the team's second place finish in the invitational, they are invited to the national tournament to be held in New Orleans from Dec. 27 through Jan. 1.

The players paid all of their own expenses while in Pensacola with no help from the University. National competition will be an entirely different story. Nike has agreed to pay for all the team's expenses because of their exceptional performance at regionals.

"I can't wiat until nationals," Allison Dobson, team member, said. "If we did this good at regionals, I think we stand a chance at nationals."

The girls with the goods are Amanda Barham, Ashley Biall, Vicki Boyd, Teilla Broussard, Leisha Myers, Amy Parker, April Bradford, Casey Zeagler, Melanie Fisher, Julie Andrews, Allison Dobson and Christie Rachal.

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Myers did, however, offer some solutions to the problem. She suggested starting school a few days earlier to offset the Fall Break, so that students and faculty could enjoy both a week off for Thanksgiving as well as a Fall Break after mid-term.

There are many actions available to alleviate the stress of such a short break; however, students and faculty may not see those changes made before the next few years.

Happy Thanksgiving! On behalf of the entire staff at *The Current Sauce*, we would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday! So, enjoy the turkey and see you soon!

Vision statement developed

Virginia Colclasure
Contributing Writer

The University has developed a new vision statement, set goals for the year 2000 and initiated action teams to help accomplish the goals.

The Board of Regents requires each public university to have a strategic plan that covers the institution's goals, what resources will be used to meet the goals and how the goals will be met.

In compliance with this requirement, the University has developed its vision statement and determined its goals.

After meeting with two consultants, the University confirmed its new vision statement containing eight goals, but it was decided to focus on only five of them.

Each of the five goals was assigned an action team and leader. They are program accreditation, Dr. Vickie Gentry; learning centered environment, Ms. Chadick; delivery system for programs, Dr. Rick Tarver; enrollment management plan, Dr. Greg Burke and resource commitment, Dr. Tom Hall.

The specific mission of each of the action teams is to develop critical tasks for each goal, as well as an action plan.

The first goal and action team is concerned with program accreditation. The specific task is to attain accreditation for each eligible degree program by a national accreditation agency. This will enable NSU to recruit higher quality students.

"If our programs aren't accredited, we need to get rid of them," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said.

The second goal and action team is concerned with developing a plan for a learning-centered environment by the year 2000 with full implementation by 2005.

This will involve the University making a commitment to its faculty and students to provide necessary resources to implement a learning-centered environment. These include "reasonable" class sizes, hardware, software and support technical personnel.

The third goal and action team's objective is to develop a delivery system within the University to provide associate degree programs, certification programs and developmental course-work. This is primarily aimed at meeting the needs of a diverse student population, but it will also enhance the four-year degree programs.

There has been much discussion in higher education of changing many universities' open-admission policies to performance-based. This is directly linked to NSU's fourth goal of establishing an enrollment management plan. This will enable the University to recruit academic achievers and expand the diversity of the student body.

The fifth goal of the University is to develop and implement a system of resource commitment and allocation to increase success and excellence in academic and professional programs. This goal is viewed as vital to any activity of the University.

One thing that must be addressed is whether the actions of people working for and with NSU's action teams are meeting the tasks of the mission statement.

NSU has determined its critical tasks and must work on reaching them. One way to be successful is to be devoted to the goals that have been set.

"If these action teams first get a commitment from the University that the time they are going to spend is going to be worthwhile, the critical tasks for each goal will be successful," Dowden said.

SGA restructures Senate

Joni Naquin
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 16, the Student Senate passed a new bill that will allow two new Senator-at-large positions.

The Constitution previously provided for two graduate students to hold positions on the Student Government Association.

However, because of the lack of participation by graduate students, those positions were not filled. In an effort to make it possible for other students to participate in the SGA, the Senate passed the bill, which created a provision changing the graduate students' positions to Senators-at-Large, if those positions were not filled by a deadline.

The positions would be open for appointment by the SGA president Luke Dowden and the approval of the Senate.

"The graduate student positions are not dissolved-- it only makes it possible for other students to participate if graduate students' aren't able to," SGA Senator Shawn Hornsby said.

Hornsby brought the bill to the Senate.

"If nobody accepts the position, it's fair game to everyone else," Clara Gerl, graduate student, said. "It's unfortunate that graduate students' needs might not be addressed, but if graduate students' don't participate, it should be open to the rest of the student body."

Luke Dowden, SGA preisdent, and Dr. Randall Webb, University president, must each sign the bill.

After it is signed, the change will wait until the next student referendum takes place sometime in the spring semester.

If the students approve the bill, the Constitution will change immediately, and the bill will go into effect. Graduate students will not lose representation if interested in the SGA Senate.

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SGA Minutes from 11-9-98

Treasurer
- No Report

Vice President
- I am going to preside over the meeting since David Gunn could not be here.
- Next Week is Keep NSU Beautiful Week.
- I am passing around a sign-up sheet for Wednesday's telemarketing/recruiting program for NSU.

President
- Spent last week working on the NSTEP Plan, which we will have complete on Wednesday.
- Explained ITAC committee
- Asked for two volunteers for each RFP Group
- Updateed Senators on Legislation
- Update on IM Building. The Architect Meeting Agenda is for late January.
- Bill FA98-010 is on the table and needs to be voted on.
- New Bill FA98-011 will be presented tonight.
- I need to meet with External Affairs to discuss a sketch design for the board. I also need 4 volunteers for Senior Day.
- Talked aoub Telemarketing Project for Wednesday night.
- Talked about new Mission Statement for NSU
- Please bring 10 can goods to the office by November 24
- Will advertise the open Senator-At-Large position in the Current Sauce.
- Talked about HIV Awareness Day sponsored by Lambda. They will provide free AIDS testing. There will be a presentation in the President's Room in the Union on Wed. November 11

Motion to approve minutes from last week. Passed

External Affairs
- Homepage. I need more opinions. The page will be up in a couple of days.
- Four people need to volunteer for Senator Day to work the booth.
- I also need one volunteer to call the Presidents of all organizations to remid them of Trash Bash.
- Book Swap proposal will be drawn up for next week.

SAB
- John Black addressed the SAB, and asked for support for the Homerun Derby for ne4xt Tuesday at 5:00
- LOB interest meeting is this week.

Fiscal Affairs
- No Report

Academic Affairs
- No Report

Student Affairs
- Surveyed a bill for clocks in Kyser
- Ursula talked about proposal for Journalism 3660 class.

Internal Affairs
- If you miss two consecutive weeks of office hours, you have received a letter. If you miss 2 more weeks in any order, more actions will be taken.

Club Sports
- No Report

Traffic and Appeals
- Met today at 2:00. We went through two 3-ring binders of tickets.
- Chaz asked if his ticket was appealed.

Old Business
- Bill FA98-10
- Motion to take bill from floor. Passed
- Tons of discussion. Bill fails.

New Business
- FA98-11
- Discussion. Motion to table bill.
- Motion to approve the support of the Journalism 3660 survey project. Passed.

Special Reports
- Michelle Craig talked about homecoming issues. The issue was debated for a very long time. Everyone's opinions were heard more than once.
- Angelique refered them to the Student Affairs and Internal Affairs committee.

- Nominations for Student Affairs Chairperson.
- Jamie Hughes and Shawn Hornsby.
- Jamie Hughes declined.
- Motion to accept Shawn Hornsby by acclimation. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

News

News Office 357-5384

Organization preparing for a season of giving

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Even though Christmas is a month away, one campus organization has wasted no time getting in the holiday spirit.

Members of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society, are working to make Christmas a little brighter for children in this area.

The organization will be conducting a clothing drive through Dec. 4. Clothes of all sizes will be gathered and given to the Boys and Girls Club for distribution.

"We need to help the people of our own community," Monica Adams, senior elementary education major in the organization, said. "Everything we collect will stay in this area."

In previous years, the group held toy drives during the Christmas season. However, the toys went to children outside the area.

"We wanted to do something a little different this year," Robin Hayes, president of Kappa Delta Pi, said. "We decided to do a clothing drive because we wanted something that actually helps the people of Natchitoches."

Kappa Delta Pi members work throughout the year to help children. Hayes said groups members participate in the Reading Is Fun program by reading books to young school children. They also to plan to hold a penny drive next year to raise money for organizational scholarships.

"We really try to promote reading," Hayes said of the organization's goals.

Hayes stressed the fact that clothes of all types and sizes are needed. All donated items should be dropped off at Pod B in the Teacher Education Center before Dec. 4.

To kick off the clothing drive, Kappa Delta Pi members gathered last week to decorate a Christmas tree in the TEC.

Christi Pyle, membership chairman for the organization, said the tree was decorated with ornaments that members made in an education class.

"We met to kick off the drive and just get together," Pyle said. "This helped put everyone in the holiday spirit."

The organization will also be offering gift wrapping services as a fund-raiser during the holiday season. The giftwrapping will be done Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 for $5 and less, depending on the item. Anyone interested in having their gifts wrapped should bring them to Pod B in the TEC.

To be a member of Kappa Delta Pi, students must be education majors with at least a 3.0 GPA. Students must also be at least a sophomore and have two recommendations from their teachers.

For more information about the clothes drive or the gift wrapping, call Pyle at (318) 354-2544.

IFC officers named for next year

Chris Meilleur
Contributing Writer

The Interfraternity Council held its officer elections Nov. 17.

The officers elected for the 1999-2000 year are: president John McConnell; vice president Ryan Scofield; treasurer Brent Prudhomme; secretary Tim Carlstrud and rush director Philip Rasy.

These officers were elected by the member organizations of the IFC which consists of Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi.

According to the IFC's by-laws, in order to be an officer, a member must be a delegate for a full semester and have a 2.3 cumulative GPA

"In the past, men's fraternities have made great decisions on electing leaders, and they have continued the tradition," Angie Carr, graduated adviser for the IFC, said.

"With elections just happening on Nov. 17, the new officers are still in the beginning stages of developing their goals," Carr said. "However, the new officers are very motivated."

John McConnell, who was recently elected president, said that IFC has a great deal of potential for next year.

"I think the upcoming year is going to be a lot of hard work, but if the IFC works together towards common goals, good things will happen," McConnell said. "I'm exicted about the potential this executive committee has, and I know it will be a good year."

Alumni aiding University

Tim Long
Contributing Writer

Over 30,000 graduates are being called upon to aid the Alumni Association in providing the University with alumni scholarships, faculty development, additions to the Alumni Hall of Distinctions, reunions, chapter developments and much more.

Any graduate who donates will become a member of the alumni association.

Paid workers from blue key, purple jackets, Pan-Hellenic, Inter-Fraternity Council and the alumni center staff are under the management of Dr. Steve Horton, director of alumni affairs. The association is in the process of contacting approximately 7,000 graduates by phone.

The fund drive began with a mail-out in August, when over 23,000 graduates were contacted. These alumni sent in over $35,000. The second phase began two weeks ago with the phone-a-thon.

According to Horton, this process is not only good for the school, but it also benefits graduates by allowing them to continue participation within the University.

He emphasized that most graduates realize the benefits they received from Northwestern, and they therefore understand the importance of giving something back.

"The graduates are more eager to support it," Horton said. "We're glad for whatever they will give us."

Many of the alumni even appreciated the calls.

"They are glad the University is calling them," Horton continued. "The whole point is not fund raising: it's friend raising."

The workers are also reaping benefits by gaining insight into who has attended their University.

"I talked to the older alumni, [those who graduated] before 1960, and they were really excited about what a student's life is like today," Melissa Robertson, blue key member, said. "The alumni still appreciate the University."

Robertson raised close to $200.

"I learned how tough it is to be a telemarketer and how exciting it is when someone says yes," Nikki Walker, also a blue key member, said.

Any graduate who has not been contacted and wishes to donate may call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414.

News Bureau
Amber Welker contacts alumni to raise funds through the Alumni Association's phone-a thon to benefit University alumni sponsored programs.

Sorority dinner raises money for cancer research in honor of Mrs. Webb

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Sigma Sigma Sigma held a jambalaya dinner on Sunday at the Baptist Student Union to raise money for the American Breast Cancer Society in honor of Mrs. Brenda Webb.

Each dinner cost $6.50, and the tickets were sold by members of the sorority. Treasurer Sandy Schmieder said the fundraiser made $612.17 for the Breast Cancer Society .

"We wanted to do this for Mrs. Webb because she has done so much for this campus and because of the battle she is facing," Schmieder said.

According to Alysia Sims, service chairman, the dinner was one of many service projects. Sigma Sigma Sigma works with the Children's Hospital in Dallas and makes a trip there each year. This year, they will be delivering flower pots with artificial flowers to the hospital.

Webb, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in late July, said that she was honored that the sorority and other campus organizations had done fundraisers for cancer research.

"Now that I have experienced breast cancer, I can see the importance of the research that is being done," Webb said. "I would like to stress the importance of being aware that breast cancer is a big disease that's out there."

According to Webb, there are over 1.6 million women with breast cancer. There are an additional 1 million who have breast cancer and do not know about it. The money raised by Sigma Sigma Sigma will be used to perform additional research on the dangers of breast cancer.

Webb said that she regrets not being able to be out on campus more, but obvious health concerns have forced her to cut down on her activities.

"The students at NSU are my love," Webb said. "It hurts me that I have not been around the students this fall. Although I am not as visible this semester they have still been very supportive."

Anyone who would like information on breast cancer, breast cancer screening or donating to the American Cancer Society can call 1-800-ACS-2345 or go to their web page at www.cancer.org.

Hornsby approved as *Current Sauce* editor

Kelle Head
Contributing Writer

Shawn Hornsby, acting editor of *The Current Sauce*, was appointed to a permanent editorial position Thursday by the media board.

Hornsby, a senior political science major, began working at the newspaper as a sportswriter last semester.

He became acting editor after Philip Wise, previous editor of the newspaper, resigned from the University.

The media board voted to recommend Hornsby to the position and the Student Government Association approved his appointment Monday at their regular meeting.

In addition to working for the newspaper, Hornsby is also active in other campus activities and organizations. He participates in the SGA, Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Tommy Whitehead, adviser for the paper, expressed his approval of Hornsby's appointment as editor.

"Im impressed with Shawn's enthusiasm for the job," Whitehead said. "Even though he has very little journalism preparation, his desire to work hard and learn on the job has been very impressive."

Hornsby plans to enroll in a news writing class to better prepare him for his new position as editor. Even though he realizes it will be a lot of hard work, he is enthusiastic about his job.

"The paper is a tough job from time to time," Hornsby said. "It's been a lot of fun so far. I really look forward to the rest of the year."

According to Hornsby, he is also excited about working with his talented staff to ensure *The Current Sauce* will be the best ever.

"I have several new ideas for next semester," Hornsby said.

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Features

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Colvin challenged by latest role

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

After several upbeat productions such as "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Crazy for You," the theater program changed moods with its production of Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour."

The play focuses on how a lie ruined the lives of two school teachers, Karen, played by Shelley Colvin, and Maggie, played by Melony Ebeling.

Colvin, a junior theater major, primarily concentrated on musical theater until accepting a role in last semester's performance of the comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest." Colvin believes, however, that her character in "The Children's Hour" is the most difficult role she has played.

"At first, I was scared and doubtful I could do this part," said Colvin. "I had to work hard to achieve my high standards and to feel confident that I could play this role."

However, Dr. Jack Wann, director of "The Children's Hour," had complete confidence in Colvin's ability to play the role of Karen.

"She was selected for her sensitivity and loyalty to the character," said Wann. "She took well to this type of theater and did a good job in the role."

Shelley Colvin in her role as Karen in "The Children's Hour"

Colvin's character, Karen, is almost the complete opposite of the other schoolteacher, Maggie. Throughout the play, Maggie openly displays her anger, while Karen remains calm and reserved. Colvin considers that aspect of Karen to be the most difficult to convey to the audience.

"The audience has to realize that Karen is as angry as Maggie without openly showing her anger," said Colvin. "I try to draw on the energy and anger of the other actors and respond to that."

Preparing for the role of Karen took considerable time and effort, according to Colvin. The rehearsals, which began four weeks ago, left little room for mistakes.

"In order to do a good job playing this role, I had to find something new about Karen that was like me every time I performed," remarked Colvin. "I had to try to pull all of Karen's aspects into me, but still find something of my own to add."

The play, which became a controversy upon its release, is considered one of Hellman's most profound works. Lillian Hellman and her plays, such as "The Children's Hour," became a part of MacArthur's Communist hunt in the 1940s and early 1950s. At the time of its release, "The Children's Hour" was thought to have communist undertones.

Colvin believes the complexity of the play and her role made this the most intense play in which she has performed.

"It took me a while after the performance to get out of the frame of mind I had been in for the past three hours," Colvin said. "I wasn't prepared for the impact this play would have on me."

Christmas tour showcases area homes

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The magic and beauty of Christmas will be brought to life in Natchitoches this holiday season during the Christmas by Candlelight Tour of Homes.

The Candlelight Tour, which is sponsored by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, offers people the chance to experience the unique history of the city that holds the distinction of being the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.

Rachel Brittain, who is co-chairing the committee for the tour with her mother-in-law Ann Brittain.

Unlike last year's tour, the tour dates have been split over several days, rather than one week. This way, more tourists are allowed to view the homes. Tour dates are scheduled for Dec. 9, 11, 12, 18 and 19.

"We wanted to make it more accessible to tourists," Brittain said. "We also spread the days out during the Christmas Festival so people could see the lights."

In fact, the tour dates will fall just days after the annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival, which falls on Dec. 5.

Tourists will also be able to view a fireworks display at 7 p.m. in downtown Natchitoches every Saturday in December, which has become an annual tradition of the Christmas Festival.

Brittain feels that the Candlelight Tour will be an excellent tool for getting people in the holiday spirit.

Unlike the Candlelight Tour held during the annual Historic Natchitoches Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Homes and Plantations in October, the Christmas Tour will incorporate the beauty of each home with the splendor of the season.

She commented that each of the 13 homes on the tour will be beautifully decorated with Christmas lights, candles and other decorations.

"People get so excited this time of year," Brittain said. "Even though the Fall Pilgrimage is wonderful, the Christmas Tour has a different twist on it."

Some of the homes that will be showcased during the tour include the Chaplin House, Pierson-Lucky House and Queen Anne House.

Brittain said the Foundation is particularly excited about the Keegan House, which has recently been renovated. The house is a Colonial Revival plantation house that was built around 1850 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

While at each home, tourists will be given a brief history of the house as well as a tour of its interior and exterior. The Candlelight Tour will allow people to explore what the city has to offer, including the many beds and breakfasts and local shops.

Brittain said the city's atmosphere coupled with the popularity of the Christmas Festival should lure many people to the tour. Already, she has booked a large amount of group tours.

"A lot of homes on the tour are beds and breakfasts," she said. "Tourists have the chance to check them out in case they want to make reservations some time."

Tourists will go to each home on the tour in their own vehicle. However, Brittain said most of the homes are within walking distance to one another.

Wednesday and Friday tours will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday tours will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ticket prices are $10 per person on Wednesday and $15 per person per evening on Friday and Saturday. A $2 senior citizen discount will also be offered. No tickets will be sold to tour individual homes.

Brittain said that groups should reserve tour tickets as soon as possible by calling her at (318) 352-8353 or the Natchitoches Historical Foundation at (318) 352-0990.

Each home will be selling tour tickets. For more information on the Christmas by Candlelight Tour of Homes, call the Foundation or the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission at (800) 259-1714.

Members of Sigma Nu recently had a "Homecoming Dance" with the residents of Evangeline of Natchitoches.

Campus Spotlight: Sigma Nu fraternity

Paul Rome
Contributing Writer

The Mu R ho chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity recently sponsored a Homecoming Dance for the residents of Evangeline of Natchitoches. Evangeline houses senior citizens of Natchitoches who have experienced unfortunate circumstances in the latter part of their lives. The festivities included barbequing chicken, dancing with the residents and honoring the homecoming king, queen and court. Sigma Nu also coordinates a Senior prom for Evangeline during the spring semester.

"Current Quotes"

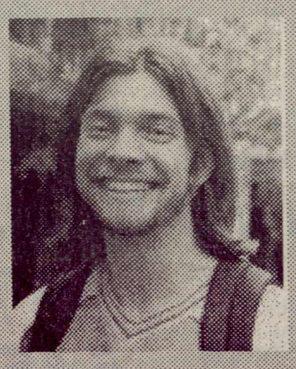
"What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?"

"I'm thankful for a wonderful family and that right now the world, even though there is a lot going on, mine around me is peaceful. I feel priveledged for the life I have."

Aaron Kinche
Freshman

"I'm thankful that the worst semester of my life is over."

Crystal Robbins
Junior



"I'm thankful for going home to see my family."

Earl Gates
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"I'm thankful to go home and get away from this place."

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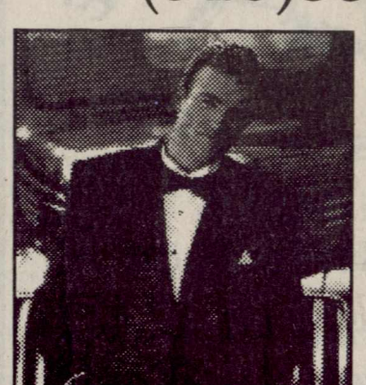

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Art Society asks for student help with campus murals

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

The SGA has voted to purchase up to $1000 worth of supplies for the Art Society, which plans to paint four murals on campus. The murals will help the Art Department towards accreditation, according to Sean Hornsby, a senior class SGA senator.

While two subjects for the murals have been chosen, submissions and suggestions from NSU students will be accepted in the design of the other murals.

Submissions can be a completed image, a rough sketch or a specific description detailing an idea. All must have an NSU theme. Each mural will be attributed to its designer.

Submissions can be dropped off at room 225 of Kyser in Amy Haney's box. For more information, contact Art Society President B.J. Mesloh at 352-8017 or Vice President Traci Moss at 354-0167.

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Fuzzy guitars, scruffy vocals, and plenty of sing-a-long melodies is what you will experience when you pop this CD in your player.

PINWHEEL is a rather new band from Long Beach, California (formed in 1996). They have a radio-friendly sound that is reminiscent of Everclear.

Chemical Jar is a pretty good CD. The band members are all decent musicians and the vocals are not half bad either.

PINWEEL's best aspect would have to be the fact that the music matches the vocals. The singer might not be the best in the world, and the musicians alone aren't amazing, but together the sound is great.

Another cool thing about *Chemical Jar* is the production. It sounds like the band actually recorded all in the same room, at the same time. The songs have that good old garage-rock sound. The production crew found a way to lay the tracks down without taking away from the true sound of the band. I have not heard this band live, but I would be willing to bet that they sound exactly like they do on this disc.

Just to even things out I must point out one flaw. All of the songs sound the same. If there were not pauses between songs, the CD would sound like one very long song. But since most of the songs are good, then the CD as a whole must also be good.

I personally prefer music much heavier than this. Most of the music I listen to never makes it to the precious radio waves most new bands shoot for. If you like what my friends and I call "radio rock" then give PINWHEEL a listen, you might like what you hear.

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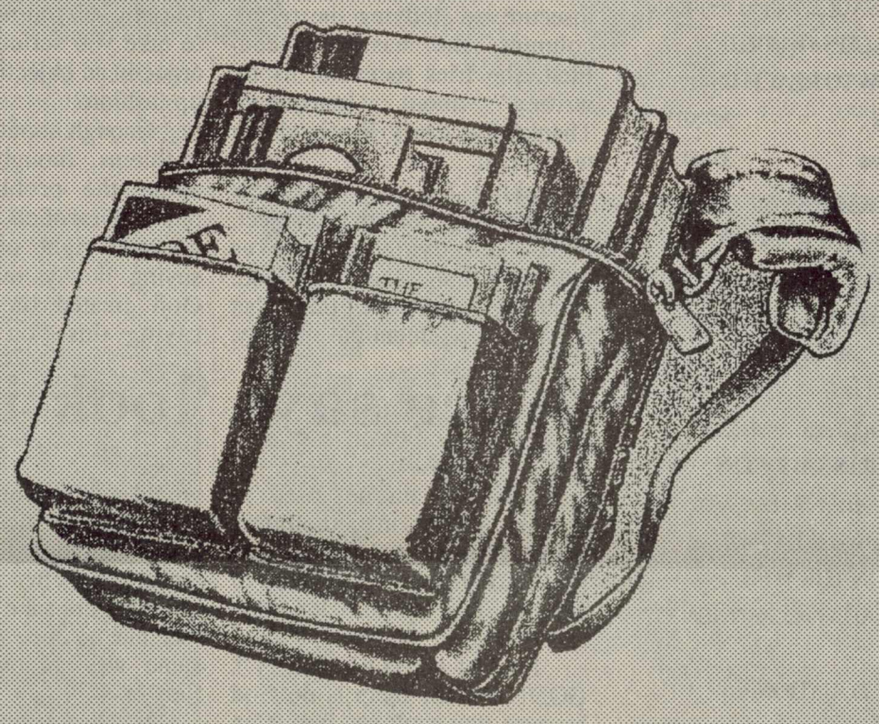

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Sincerely,
Luke Dowden, President
Student Government Association

Letters to the Editor

Student not pleased with columnist

Hello, I am not God. I do know Him, though. The funny thing is that itís not Jamie Slayter. To Christians at NSU the recent column ìDo You Know Your God?î may seem offensive or just plain stupid, but to me itís both.

First of all, let me start by saying that there is some good news for Jamie. Jamie, you may not be God, but you do have God in you. Everyone and everything does. God loves you, despite your disbelief in Him.

Jamie is obviously totally insecure by studying the recent columns she has produced. First, she tries to excite us by writing about marijuana. Thankfully, Chris Foster did a wonderful job of totally debunking Jamieís hallucinations on that subject. Now, sheís trying to make us believe that she is God. Actually, I donít even think that it is her true intention. Really, she simply wants others to write in an outrage to give her a feeling that someone is actually reading her article. Keep it up, and maybe nobody will.

From her editorial, itís evident that she wants people to talk about her work. ìI donít think you CAN prove me wrongî is the most immature attempt at getting a response as I have ever seen. It ranks right up there with my other favorite quote on proving her ìgodlyî abilities, ìíbecause I donít WANT to.íî With this kind of childish attitude, do you really expect us to take you seriously and try to argue in an objective and grown-up fashion?

Enough about your personal problems, though. Letís talk about the problems in your paper. First of all, you contradict yourself right off the bat by saying, ìit says in the Bible that God created the world.î By saying this you acknowledge that the Bible is right in a least that regard. If you agree that you know God created the world in the paraphrase of the Bible, then why do you then make the statement, ìThe only thing we know about God comes from our imaginationî? Isnít the Bible proof?

Finally, the proof of Godís existence comes from faith. Without it we are lost. I believe in God not because of what I have seen, but because of what I know in my heart to be true. If you want someone in your life, donít rely on people writing letters in response to what you say. Instead put your trust in the one true God, and He will be all you ever need.

Sincerely,
Seth M. LeGrand
Senior Physics Major

Guest Faculty

In "Do you know your God?" Jamie Slayter claimed to be God to show that no one could disprove her claim. She went on to say "the only thing we know about God comes from our imagination." That's an interesting assertion, to which I must ask "can you prove it?" Can you prove that what the Bible teaches about the nature of God, and about what he expects of us, is just the product of someone's imagination? I understand that you believe it to be such, but can you prove your assertion? I do not believe you can.

I, on the other hand, believe we can have objective knowledge of God, and that it comes from the Bible. I cannot prove the objective truth of the Bible, just as I cannot prove that I ate eggs for breakfast today. Despite the lack of scientific proof, I have confidence that I did eat eggs, and that the God described in the Bible does exist.

Where does this leave us? Jamie cannot prove her assertion that we have no objective knowledge of God; I cannot prove my assertion that we do. We must make a choice. We can dismiss the idea of a God who exists independent of what we think. Or, we can seriously consider the biblical assertion that a God exists who is so transcendent that he could create, order, and sustain the entire universe, and yet so personal that he is interested in me.

Jesus said that if anyone is willing to do his will, he will make himself known to them. I have found that to be true, but of course, I cannot prove it. You can read the Bible and try it for yourself, or you can assume that it's just my imagination. You get to decide.

Dr. Bob Jones
Assistant Professor of Economics

Juice says 'look it up'

I know I am not used to writing down my thoughts, being that I am disk jockey and not a columnist. I just have to express my opinoin on this Jamie Slayter person.

First of all YOU AREN'T GOD! You say there is no God because you can't see him. Can you see air? Is it there?

In the English language we have this little word called faith. To me it seems someone needs to look it up. How can you not believe in God then write an article on Star Wars being Satanic? Satan is a god, not the God, but a god none-the-less.

I open my eyes every morning, but wether I open them up or not the world is still here. I am amazed that you think you created this world. Did you create me? Did you create your mom and dad? If you created these things, why aren't they perfect.

I am not the most religous man in the world nor do I claim to be. I know for a fact there is a God and I am looking forward to seeing him. If I were you I would rethink your statement. I saw a bumper sticker once and it said "If your living without God, you better be right!" I hope for the sake of the human race that no one else believes the same way as our friend Ms. Slayter.

It is just astounding to think that Ms. Slayter created the honey bun I ate for breakfast. She says she created the world. I wonder how she created things before she exsited and how she created things that she has no idea about.

I think she means that we all create our own individual worlds. I will tell you all this, if I was going to create my world, I would have a lot cooler stuff.

Well Ms. Slayter I think I have delivered my opinoin on your little spiff on MY GOD! Since you created the world you might want to create me a 4.0. I would appreciate it.

Juice
KNWD

THE WHIPPING POST

From the president's desk: Faced with a tough situation

The October 3 decision by Louisiana voters to create the Louisiana Community & Technical College System will provide some new challenges for Northwestern. These challenges will force the administration to consider several obstacles. Primarily, the new system could mean less money for all institutions.

The higher education bureaucracy in the state, the Louisiana Board of Regents, receives funding from the legislature for the institutions and management boards under its direction. In turn, the Board of Regents decides the amount of funding each of the three management boards will receive for their respective institutions.

Additionally, the state recommends funding to systems and directly appropriates funding to certain institutions of higher education. After receiving their allowance for the year, each of the three management boards (LSU system, Southern System, and the University of Louisiana System currently the largest) decides the amount each institution receives according to the individual system's funding formula.

The current funding formula used by the University of Louisiana System, which directs NSU, places our institution at a disadvantage. Although Northwestern received $1,192,952 dollars in enhancement funds from the state this year, our recommended funding level for the 1998-99 fiscal year remains the 2nd lowest in the state at 60.49%.

Northwestern, like other institutions, is concerned that their piece of the already strained 'funding pie' will be lessened by this new system. State legislators contend that the new system will not detract from other schools' funding; stating that the Louisiana Workforce Commission should provide the base financial assistance for this system. Furthermore, Louisiana Senate Bill 2 (the same bill creating the Louisiana Technical and Community College System), passed in the first 1998 special session, requires the Regents to submit to the legislature, no later than the opening of the 1999 regular session (which begins in April), a proposal for a full-funding formula for higher and post-secondary education to be completed over a five-year period beginning not later than fall 1999, including provisions for equitable distribution of formula funds.

Currently, Louisiana post-secondary institutions receive 250 million dollars below the SREB average for funding. Meanwhile, the state spent $5,467,282 dollars on different initiatives to establish the new system.

During a meeting with Dr. Joseph Savoie, the Commissioner of Higher Education for the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Council of Student Body Presidents which I am the chairman discussed this five year plan to fully fund post-secondary education. Savoie indicated the state would be moving to Performance Incentive Based Funding. The plan places emphasis on five basic criteria including: 1) student cost 2) student achievement and retention, graduation, exit examinations 3) faculty work 4) administration cost and spending the appropriate level on this cost 5) state needs vs. apparent mission and look at activities specific to achievement of the university mission. When the plan goes into affect sometime next spring, Northwestern may be placed in a tough situation.

The number one goal outlined in the new vision statement for Northwestern is the Accreditation of Programs. Progress in this area should certainly mean more funding under the new incentive formula. Yet, we must not forget that this new program maintains schools at their current funding level with the opportunity to expand funding by improving in those five basic areas.

Northwestern will be expected to do more with less as usual. Accreditation is expensive, so how shall we pay for the necessities to meet each accreditation boards' requirements. Let us not forget the other criteria the Regents will evaluate: cost to students, faculty achievement, graduation rates in each program, and exit exams.

This new system has left not only Northwestern, but other institutions with many unanswered questions. The decisions made in the next year by the University Strategic Planning Council will be detrimental in the direction the university will take in response to the Community College System. Shall we invest more in associate degree programs or graduate degree programs? How many innovative plans can we afford to implement to improve Enrollment Services to better market NSU? As a result of the expense of accreditation, what programs will be eliminated? I encourage students to come by my office in Room 222 in the Student Union to find out how you can get involved on University Action Teams and in Student Government to help our university solve its dilemma. Many times the most innovative ideas come from students.

Luke Dowden
SGA President

Sports

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Playoff Bound Again!!!

Demons host Illinois State in first ever home playoff game

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Though the Northwestern State Demons may have won thw war for the Southland Football championships the Battle is far from over.

The No. 2-seeded Demons prepare Turpin Stadium for the No. 15-seeded Illinois State Redbirds Saturday.

This game marks the first playoff game played in NSU history. The Demons (9-2) have gone the I-AA playoffs two other time losing to Idaho in the 1997 quarterfinals and in the opening round last year to Eastern Washington. The Demon took the SFL title after Nicholls took out the former co-champion McNeese State 31-30.

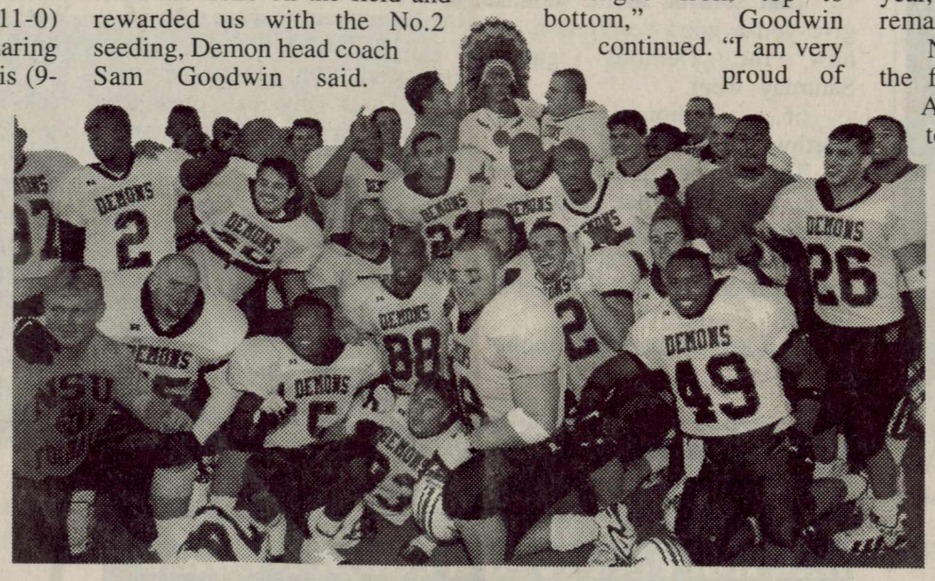
This mark the Redbirds first invitation to the I-AA playoffs, and have not since post-season play since the 1950's during the Corn Bowl.

Georgia Southern (11-0) took the first place seed sharing it with No.4 Western Illinois (9-2).

According to John Johnson, chair of the NCAA Division I-AA selection committee, The Demons outhright conference title and performance against Missiouri were crucial in their seeding.

"They were very competitive against an outstanding Division I-A team at the University of Missiouri," Johnson told. "They defeated a very strong McNeese team and they won their conference championship outright."

"It's great to know that the NCAA Division I-AA selection committee recognized what our team has done on the field and rewarded us with the No.2 seeding, Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said.



"Playing at home is a big, big edge in the playoffs."

"That is a tremendous accomplishment, considering the caliber of football teams in the league from top to bottom," Goodwin continued. "I am very proud of our players and coaches. Defending a championship any time is a difficult challenge. Considering the strength of our non-conference schedule this year, what this team has done is remarkable."

Northwestern State become the first Southland team since Arkansas State to win back to back conference titles.

The Demons have scored 49 points per game in the last three game while the Redbird have tallied 45 point per game in four games.

The next highest team on the Demons side of the 16-team bracket is No. 3 Richmond (9-2). McNeese and No. 7 Appalachian State (9-2) stand with the great contend on the portion of the brackets.

One possible scenario that could erupt for the Demons is a matchup with McNeese in national semifinals on Nov. 12.

"Now we set our sights on a bigger championship," Goodwin ended. "There aresome good football team in the playoffs, especially on our side of the bracket, beginning with Illinois State, which has an outstanding quarterback and an explosive offense."

From a rushing standpoint, Illinois State hand the ball off to Aveion Cason and Sam Zanders who have total 1,332 yards of 1,887 total rushing yards. The Redbirds tallied 171.5 rushing yards per game this season.

The Redbird are lead by quarterback Kevin Glenn, who has thrown for 2,818 yards on 362 attempts and 231 completion with a 147.02 pass effiency. Under Glenn command, the Redbird have averaged 268 passing yards per game and 439.5 total offensive yards.

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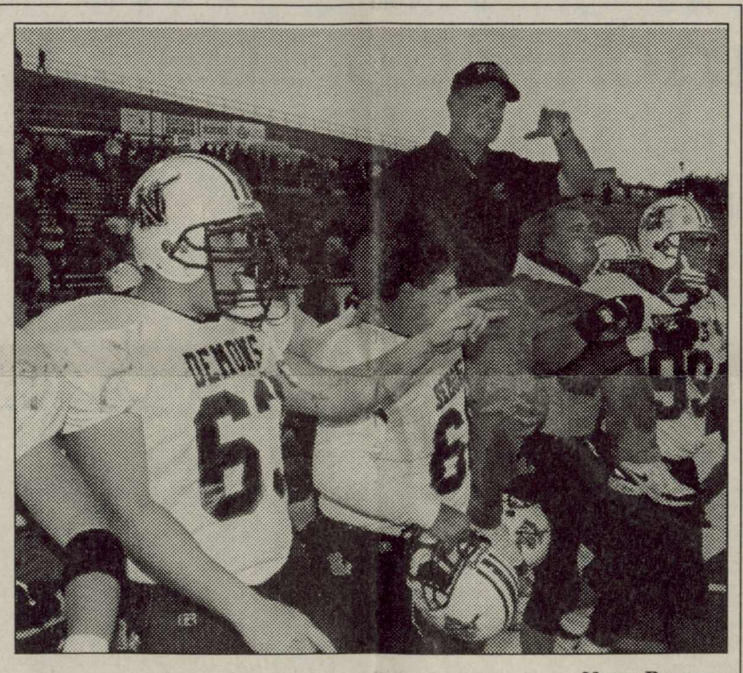
Nathan Black dodge a defender and avoids being caught.



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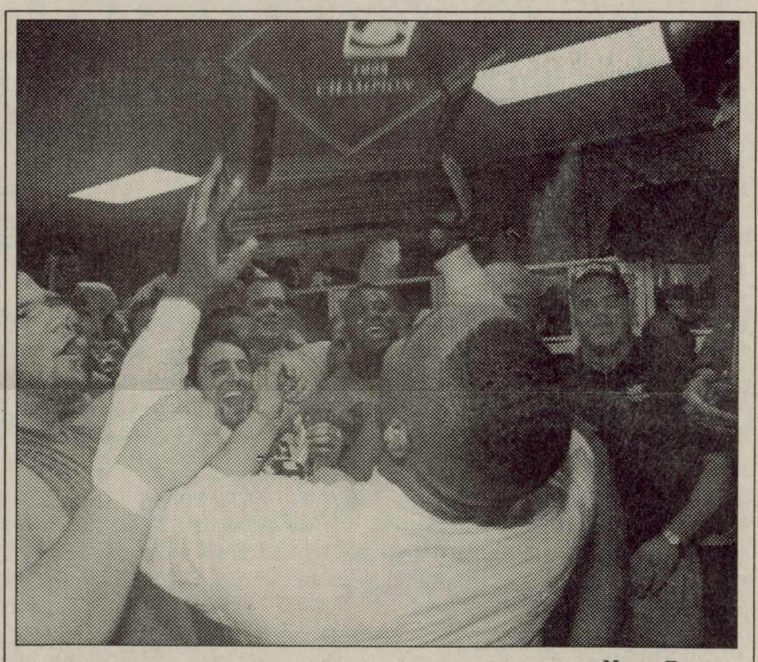
Since all coaches are dunk with Gatorade, the team decided this year to give coach Goodwin a break



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Brian Jacquet basks in the glory on the SFL Trophy.

Quarterback Club Luncheon moved to Tuesdays

Sports Information

Supporters of Northwestern and the nationally-ranked Demon football team will get a preview of the NCAA playoff picture Tuesday as they gather at the Ryder Inn for a community-wide Demon Quarterback Club luncheon.

The luncheons are normally held each Wednesday at The Landing in the upstairs banquet room, but because of an anticipated overflow turnout the site was changed, and the date was moved to Tuesday because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Lunch will be available at 11:45 a.m. with guests urged to arrive early. Cost for the luncheon is $7.50 all-inclusive, covering the meal, taxes and tips. The luncheon will serve as the regular weekly Rotary Club meeting. Members of the Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, Les Amies and other civic and professional groups are urged to attend, said Mayor Joe Sampite.

Tickets for the first-round game will go on sale at the NSU Athletic Fieldhouse ticket office (357-4268) Monday morning. If there is a home game, ticket prices will be the same as a Demon regular season game ($12 for reserved, $8 for general admission, $6 to youth and have to purchase tickets and will not be admitted free.

In the event of a home game next Saturday, season ticket holders will have until Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. to call and hold their regular reserved seats. Calls must be made to the ticket office by the deadline to hold the seats, and to order some adjacent additional seats if necessary.

"We want to be sure our season ticket holders are given first priority to retain the seats they have had, in many cases, for years and years," NSU athletic director Greg Burke said. "If you're a season ticket holder and know you are going out of town next week but are planning on being back for the game, please call us before Tuesday evening so we can hold your seats and get you more if you need them.

"We realize that lots of our supporters will have family and friends coming into town for the Thanksgiving weekend, and we should be able to accomodate them with good seats, if everyone will help us by dropping by the fieldhouse or calling us before Tuesday night.

"After Tuesday, the season tickets that are not reconfirmed will be available to the public and will be reassigned," he said. "With the excitement surrounding our football team, we expect a big crowd and so we ask everyone to make their arrangements early."

The NSU ticket office will be open through late Wednesday afternoon. It will be closed on Thanksgiving but will reopen Friday for business as normal prior to next Saturday afternoon's game, if it is played in Turpin Stadium.

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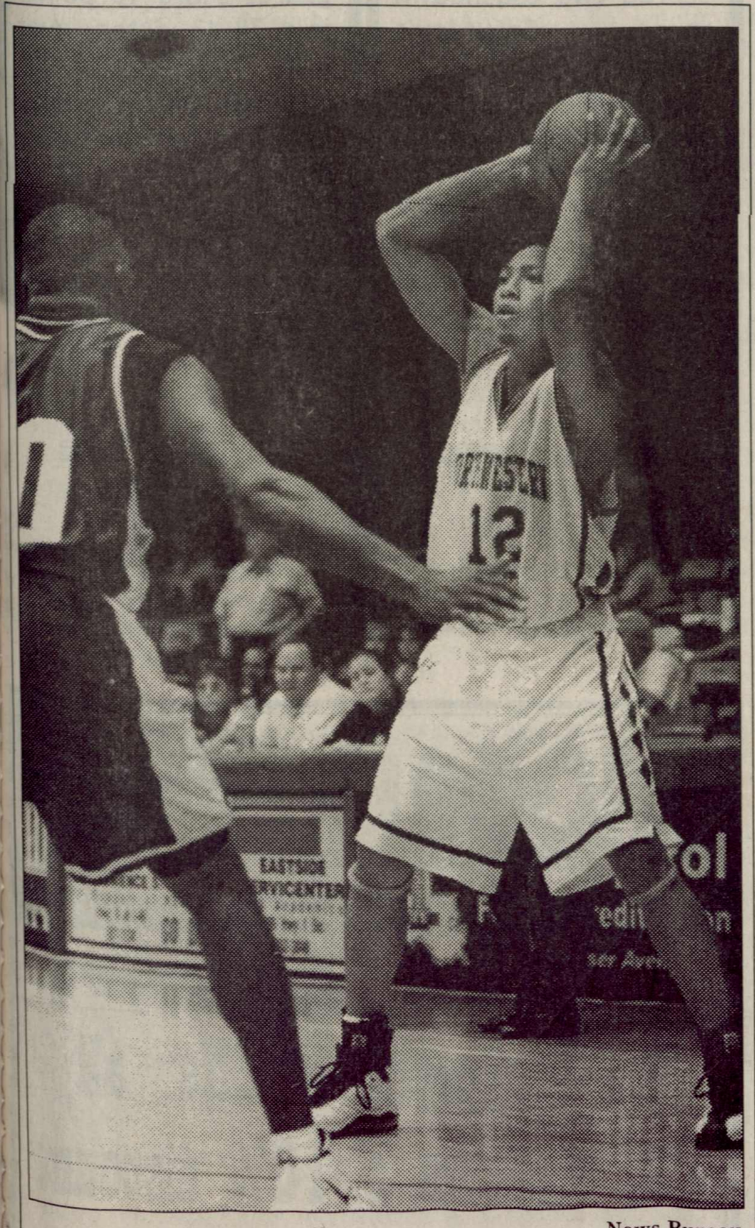
Jacquet flies past a Lumberjack and leave him stumped.



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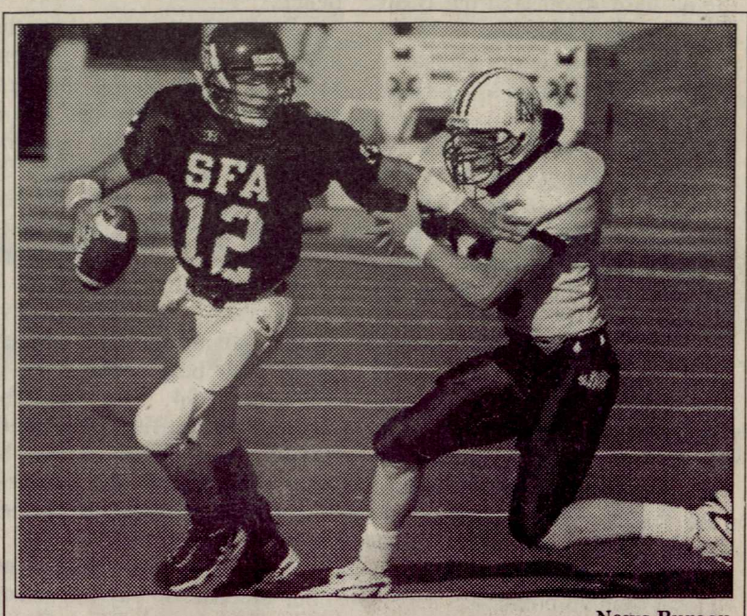
Sophomore guard Allan Polk lead the team with 15 point but is was not enough as the team lost 75-46



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Matt Slate brings the quarterback to the ground.

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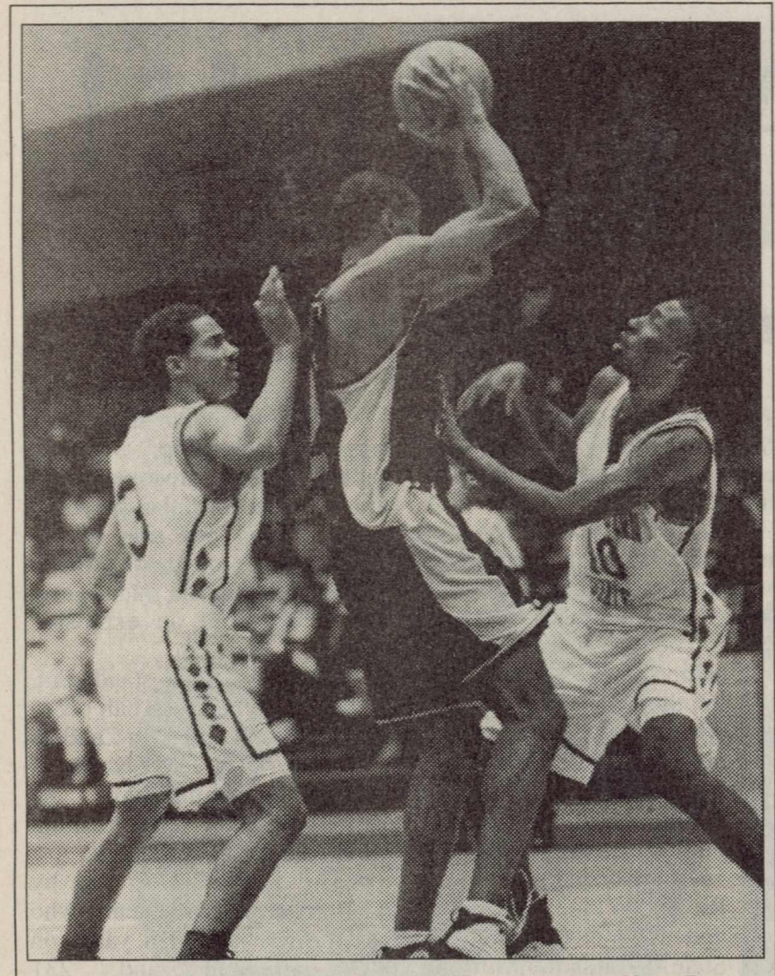

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The basketball team tries to stop their opponents from scoring.

Hoops meets resistance in Starksville

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Mississippi State Bulldogs had 66 rebounds.

That statistic alone should give you a good description of how the Demons' game Saturday went.

66 rebounds, to Northwestern's 32.

The score doesn't give much comfort either, with the Demons on the other end of 75-46 loss in a game that rounded out a very competitive first week of play.

The loss drops the Demons now to 0-3.

The Bulldogs got on the board quickly and never looked back, leading the Demons 18-3 in the first 10 minutes of play. The only three points came from sophomore Alann Polk, who led the Demons in scoring with 15.

"They just killed us inside," said head coach J.D. Barnett.

"Their physical presence with their bulk and shot blocking intimidated us and our problems just mushroomed, as will happen with an inexperienced team," he later added.

The problems Barnett was referring to include a horrible stretch in the 1st half in which the Demons only hit 4 of 30 (13%) shots.

The leading scorer in the game was Mississippi State's Tyrone Washington, who collected 19 points and 19 rebounds for the Bulldogs. Washington also had 4 of the Bulldogs' 12 blocks in the game.

The Bulldogs' Robert Jackson added 16 points, and they also got 10 more from Joe Marshall.

"They altered our shots and took us out of any offensive flow we had, and then we started pressing," said Barnett.

"The one redeeming quality is that we never stopped giving an effort."

The Demons won't get much time to recover from the loss, as Tuesday they travel to Grambling to take on the SWAC preseason favorite Tigers at 7:00.

"We just want to get home, work hard the next two days and go to Grambling Tuesday night and play the preseason SWAC favorites a good, solid game," said Barnett.

After that, the Demons will finally come home next Monday to battle the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs at Prather Coliseum. Tip-of time for that game is 7:00, and all home basketball games are free to students with valid ID.

Scotty Williams is the champion this week for the final football. I would like to thank everyone for their participation. If any one has not received a coupon come to room 225 of Kyser Hall Next Tuesday.

1998 Southland Football League Standings

Team	Conference W	L	PF	PR	Overall W	L	PF	PR
Northwestern St.	6	1	236	120	9	2	355	191
McNeese St.	5	2	175	92	9	2	369	136
Troy St.	5	2	130	105	8	3	218	176
Jacksonville St.	4	3	164	195	7	4	246	267
Nicholls St.	3	3	137	150	4	6	232	293
Stephen F. Austin	2	5	127	126	3	8	217	213
SW Texas St.	1	5	92	152	3	7	158	242
Sam Houston St.	1	6	120	240	3	8	191	335

Student Athlete of the Week

Brian Jacquet
Football

The senior tailback scored two touchdown in Saturday's championship 35-21 vicotry over Stephen F. Austin. Jacquet set up the last touchdown score with a halfback pass. The Demons end the season 9-2 overall and 6-1 in the SFL.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--October 28
Illinois State

Student Athlete of the Week

Sonya Bearden
Women's Basketball

The senior guards score 18 points in a 78-43 victory over Ark. Pine BLuff. Bearden shot 13 point in the second half alone and lead the Lady Demons to a 47 percent aim from the field. The Demon move their record to 1-1 overall.

Upcoming Home Contests
November 19
Women's Hoops
7p.m. vs. Okla. State

Lady Demons tear up Lady Lions, 78-43

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons used a second half surge to blow open a game with Arkansas-Pine Bluff en route to a 78-43 nonconference victory Thursday night in women's college basketball.

Northwestern utilized a 16-3 run spanning the first six minutes of the second half, to blow open their 38-23 halftime advantage. Senior guard Sonya Bearden led the Demons in the game with 18 points, 13 of which came during the second half run. Bearden, one of the nation's most prolific 3-point shooters nailed three treys to go along with a two-point basket and a pair of free throws to lead the surge. The run made the score 59-31, and the Golden Lionettes would never get any closer than 23 points.

Bearden was 4 for 5 from downtown on the night, while Jennifer Graf added 14 points of the bench, while shooting 7 of 10 from the field. Kia Converse pitched in 11 points, including 3 of 7 from beyond the arc. Judy Clark had 7 assists, and Jennifer Price added 6 of her own off the bench.

NSU shot 47 percent for the game, after hitting 50 percent from the field during the first half. The Lady Demons did it defensively as well, as the Lionettes shot an anemic 29 percent from the field for the game. In addition, the 43 point total for Arkansas-Pine Bluff was the lowest for a Northwestern opponent in five years, spanning 124 games, when NSU beat Nicholls 83-41 back in 1994. The mark by Arkansas Pine-Bluff also stands as the fourth-fewest points by any opponent in the 25 year history of women's basketball on this campus.

"I was very pleased wit hour defense, to say the least," NSU 12th year Head Coach James Smith said. "We disrupted their offense. Our pressure defense, especially right after halftime, dominated the game."

Northwestern outrebounded the Lionettes 50-42, behind two Arkansas natives taking part in a homecoming of sorts. Tweety Evans of Little Rock led the Lady Demons with 8 rebounds and 4 points, while Jamila Newman of Fayetteville chipped in 7 boards and 6 points.

"I hope that this indicates how we've matured as a team," Smith said, who returns four starters from last season's 17-11 squad that posted a 69-55 win over UAPB last February. "We took control from the opening tap and we made sure the game wasn't in doubt. We came out of halftime and put it away."

Next up for the Lady Demons is a trip to Stillwater, Oklahoma to participate in the Bertha Teague Thanksgiving Classic against New Mexico, Missouri-Kansas City, and host Oklahoma State. The Demons face the host Cowgirls Friday Nov. 27 at 8pm.

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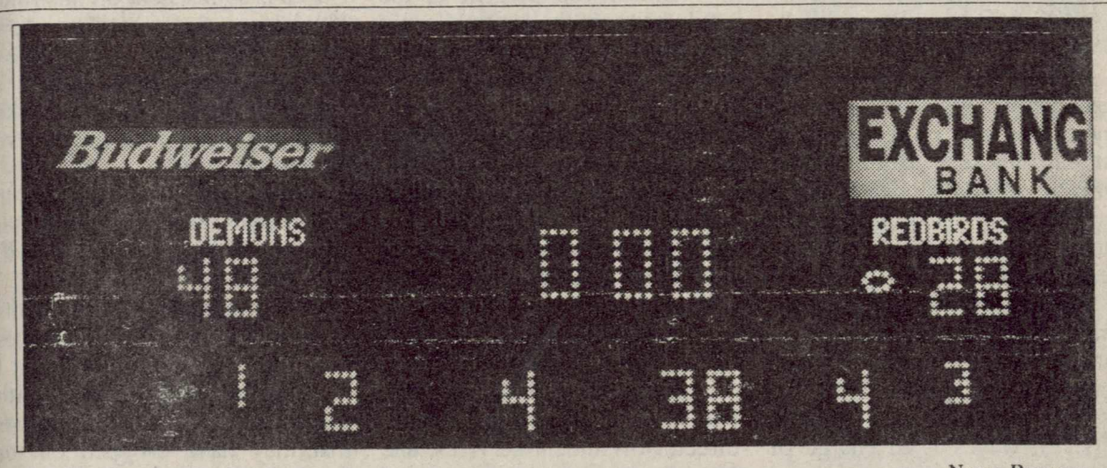

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We at *The Current Sauce* would like to see a score similar to this one during Saturday's game against Appalachian State.

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

There will be an added feature to the 72nd annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival this year.

The Northwestern State Demons will battle the Appalachian State Mountaineers at Turpin Stadium at 11 a.m. Christmas Festival Day.

Last week the No. 2 seeded and ranked Demons (10-2) plucked the Illinois State Redbirds of their first playoff berth with a 48-28 win. Appalachian State (10-2) whipped Tennessee State Saturday 45-31.

The Mountaineers ranked ninth in the I-AA in total defense with 276.7 yards and in scoring defense allowing 14.5 points per game. Northwestern has averaged 49 points and 508 yards total offense the their last four outings.

The Purple Swarm has only let their opponents have 132 rushing and 189.3 total passing yards. The Demon defense has also cracked the single-season sack record with 45 ad has set up 11 turnover that were returned into the opponent territory.

The Demons are 2-2 in postseason play in its second straight playoff appearance. Northwestern State head coach Sam Goodwin, under his 16th year, is 106-91-4 overall in 18 college seasons.

Mountaineer head coach Jerry Moore resides in his 10th year and has a 79-39 record. Appalachian State makes its eighth playoff appearance and has a 5-7 record during the postseason.

"This is going to be a physical, hard-knocking battle," Goodwin told. "They have been right there knocking on the door for the No. 1 spots all year long, and deserved so. I would

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Stress relief in time for final exams

Becky Shumake
Staff Reporter

Next Monday marks the beginning of the most feared week in college history -- finals!

With the threat of the dreaded finals fast approaching, several campus organizations and departments will be offering informative and fun activities for students to help get them through the week.

Student Support Services will be offering a workshop for students. It will be used to discuss ways of dealing with the test anxiety and stress associated with finals.

The workshop will also offer study techniques that can be used to effectively study for exams. The workshop will be held in the Cane River Room in the Student Union on Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

According to Francis Welch, Student Support Services will continue to offer their tutoring services to students throughout finals week.

Anyone who would like more information on these services can contact Student Support Services at 357-5901 or come by their office in room 241 Kyser.

On Sunday, the Baptist Student Union will be officially kicking off the week with the Late Night Study Breakfast. The breakfast begins at 11 p.m. and will include pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and COFFEE.

According to Jennifer Hill, BSU president, the Late Night Study Breakfast is held every semester and provides students with a chance to fellowship and study before finals begin.

"The breakfast is used to provide a relaxed atmosphere and good food to the students before finals." Hill said.

Tafta Evans, a junior early childhood education major, is a member of the BSU and somewhat a veteran of the study breakfast.

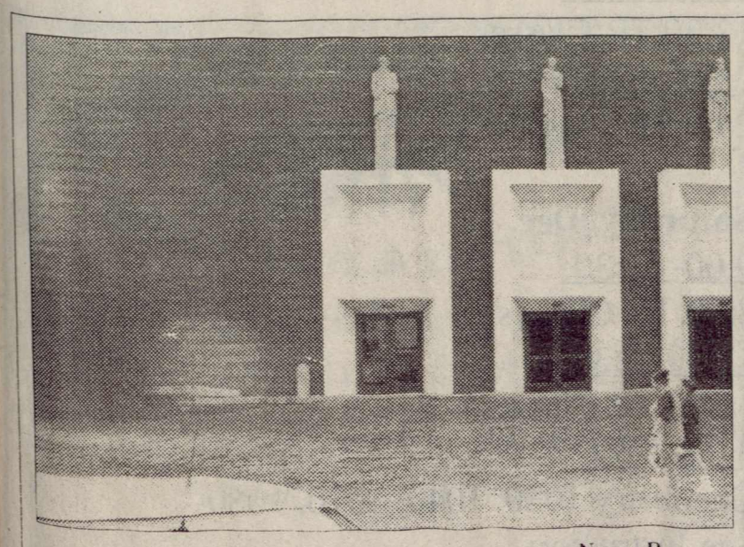
"I have gone every semester." Evans said. "It is a great time to relax and eat breakfast with my friends before the headache of finals."

Anyone who would like additional information about the breakfast can call the BSU at 352-5464.

On Monday, Aramark will be serving a traditional breakfast to all students from 10 p.m. to midnight. The menu will be a traditional breakfast with bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes and much more.

"NSU is trying to bring the student body together more." Chuck Weaver, Aramark director, said. "This is a good opportunity for social time in all the pressure."

Anyone who would like additional information on these or other activities during finals week can contact the Office of Student Activities at 357-6511.



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The front of the A.A. Fredericks Performing Arts Center was recently cleaned by members of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Annual Christmas Gala to be held Friday

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

The onset of the Christmas season means it's once again time for the annual Christmas Gala.

The Gala will be held Friday in the A.A. Fredericks Creative and Performing Arts Center.

There will be performances during the day to accommodate special groups. However, the evening performance, which is open to the entire community, will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The annual holiday performance combines students' talents to get people in the Christmas spirit. Audience members will be treated to an evening of Christmas music and songs provided by the Choir and the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra.

Students will also present portions of the classic Christmas ballet, *The Nutcracker*.

Rebecca Brettel, a theater student, said the ballet is an all-time favorite that people enjoy watching during the holiday season.

"It's interesting because we're just doing segments of the ballet," Brettel said.

One segment will include the well-known party scene from *The Nutcracker*.

Brettel, who has been studying ballet most of her life, will be featured in the Gala as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Brettel will also perform a *pas de deux*, which is a French term for a ballet duet, with Glenn Rainey, freshman theater major.

"Of course, I'm excited about doing it," Brettel said. "Glenn and I have been performing in *The Nutcracker* for years."

Audience members will be shown how other countries celebrate Christmas. Holiday celebrations in countries such as Germany, Spain and Africa will be demonstrated through the use of music and dance.

Even the holiday shopping frenzy in the United States will be portrayed.

Brettel said the Gala performers bought toys to be used in the American shopping scene.

The toys that will be used in the scene will be donated to an organization with the hope of making some child's Christmas a little brighter.

After the Gala, the Brass Choir will sing traditional Christmas carols in the lobby.

Admission to the Christmas Gala is free. However, Dr. Jack Wann, producer of the show, said that people should get their early to ensure a seat. At last year's Gala, people were turned away because there were no seats.

Wann said the success of the Gala depends on the collective efforts of the faculty.

Wann especially thanks the following faculty members for their contributions to the Gala: Dr. George Adams, music; Dr. Burt Allen, choir; Michael Yankowski and art students, artwork; Dr. Vicki Parrish, Christmas decor; Ed Brazo, choreography and staging and other theater faculty including Tom Shorroch and Shelly Ford, staging and Sharon Foster, costumes.

Natchitoches Room in Russell Hall is off limits to students

Toby Stevens
Contributing Writer

Taped to the door of room 203 in Russell Hall is a piece of paper that separates students from one of the nicest rooms on campus--the Natchitoches Room.

A small stir has risen over this room. On the door is a piece of paper with the words, "STUDENTS NOT ALLOWED IN THIS ROOM TO STUDY."

On the other side of the door lies the "Presidential Suite" of all multi-purpose rooms.

Several polished, cherry-wood tables, each surrounded by cushioned, executive chairs are placed throughout the room.

Two different sitting areas are complete with brass lamps, couches, coffee tables, armchairs and flower arrangements.

Several old, black and white photographs of Natchitoches are on each of the walls. Two-story windows overlook Warren Casten Hall and the three famous columns that are the only remains of the Bullard Mansion.

Three sets of French doors lead to a balcony with patio tables and chairs. So, why are students not allowed into this particular room?

"We paid a lot of money to get it nice, and we don't want students leaving cokes and candy in there and screwing it up," Dr. Claude Simpson. "We don't want to bring the advisory board through and find students sleeping on the couch."

Diane Mitchell, business department secretary, says that most of the time the room is booked for meetings.

Some of the meetings are just businesses in Natchitoches that pay to use the room, while others are simply University functions.

In every office throughout the campus, there is a plaque that is titled, "Because the Student," which goes through a series of statements to remind the faculty and staff why they are at the University.

"Because the student has a need, we have a job to do... Becuase the student is unique, we must be flexible... Because the student has high expectations, we must excel... Because the student has influence, we have the hope of more students... Because of the student, we exist."

The business department office, which is across from the Natchitoches Room does not have this plaque.

Russell Hall was recently remodeled by a State Capital Outlay Project fund, provided by the state. The cost for the renovation of the entire business building was an estimated $2.5 million, according to Dr. Susan White.

Students see results of five dollar technology fee

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Each semester, every student pays $5 per credit hour for the student technology fee that is used to increase online web-based student services.

"We look at different schools to see what they're doing and what their ideas are for improving university life," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said. "We feel that if something's working for your school, then let's do that at our school."

To make sure these tech fees are used properly, the University's internal auditor periodically conducts an audit of the tech fees account and expenses. This is part of the state law of Act No. 1450 of 1997 that requires that the fee "be used for the purposes of implementing, replacing, improving and expanding technologies to benefit student life and learning.

The changes made in the action plan of the NSTEP show completed ideas for the objectives.

Some of the objectives for the Action Plan include "improving access to technology by students, faculty and staff" and to "upgrade and maintain the campus communication

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Student Government Association: One Senator at Large position is available. For information, call 357-4501 or come by room 222 in the Student Union. Six to eight students are needed for the Student Advisory Committee to the IM Planning Council. Freshmen and sophomores are preferred because the committee will meet until the completion of the IM renovations. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union every week.

Kappa Delta Pi: A clothing drive will be held for underprivileged children in Natchitoches. New or nearly new clothing can be brought to Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. For more information, call (318) 357-5553.

Student Support Services: will be holding a workshop just in time to help students get prepared for finals frenzy! The workshop will help students prepare themselves for test anxiety and the stress of taking finals. The workshop, availble to all students, will be held in the Cane River Room of the Student Union this Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and you do not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion. We represent, but are not limited to, many paths such as Stegaheria, Celtic Reconstructionist Paganism, British Isles Shamanism and the Old Faery-Faith.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail Alastarm@hotmail.com.

PRSSA: The Public Relations Student Society of America is raffling a $500 shopping spree at Wal-Mart just in time for Christmas. Tickets are $1 each and can be purchased from any member of the organization. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 4. Contact 357-4433 for further information.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Hayes retires after 34 years of nursing

NSU-S students will miss her

Josh Beavers
Contributing Writer

Future nursing students will never get the opportunity to meet one of the great professionals in nursing because Beth Hayes, Director of Student Services for the Shreveport campus, retires at the end of this semester after 34 years on the job.

"Its passed so fast," Hayes said. "When I started I had a 3-month-old baby, now I've got a 3-year-old grand-baby."

As director of student services, Hayes is in charge of advising, recruitment and helping students with any problems they might have.

During Hayes' time in this role she has been able to establish many new scholarships for nursing students, create a better orientation program and become very active with the SGA on campus.

All of Hayes' hard work has paid off as nursing has become the most popular major at the University.

Almost 100 percent of the graduates pass the national exam that must be taking in order to become a registered nurse.

"That is a phenomenal statistic, and I am very proud of it," Hayes said.

Raised in a family where her father was a doctor, Hayes has been around medicine all of her life. It was only natural for her to become a nurse.

Hayes' career at NSU-S began before man first walked on the moon. That is a long time, but before she held the title of director of student services, she was a regular instructor of pediatrics. She then progressed to neonatal care and about 15 years ago settled into her current role on campus.

In all her time at NSU, Hayes apparently still preaches one point above all others.

"[Hayes] tells us that we must continue to learn after graduation," senior nursing major Eue Partin said.

It is because of the ever changing face of technology that Hayes is so insistent on this rule. If nurses stop learning new things about the field, they cannot do their jobs, and in a high-pressure field like medicine, that could prove disastrous.

That piece of advice ties in with Hayes' favorite part of her job and also the one she will miss most.

"Working with the students is what I'll miss most," Hayes said. "It feels good seeing that I have made a difference with some students, some students that may have dropped out or gotten lost in the shuffle if is was not for some little piece of advice I gave them."

While Hayes replacement has not been named as of yet, do not feel sorry for the 34-year veteran. Hayes already has another job lined up after she retires at the end of this semester.

"I'll be working part time with handicapped children as a nurse researcher at Shriners Hospital," she said.

Annual Journalism Day will take place this Friday

Joni Naquin
Contributing Writer

The journalism department will host its Annual Journalism Careers Day this Friday.

The department hopes to recruit high school seniors to major in journalism.

The purpose of Journalism Careers Day is to introduce high school students interested in journalism careers to professionals who can help them on the road to college and careers.

The professionals will provide information on academic preparation and job opportunities. Career areas include newspaper, broadcasting, public relations, and photography.

Professionals in the journalism field will relate on how they got their first jobs, college and what they learned outside of the university.

Spencer Christianson of ABC's Good Morning America is tentatively scheduled to give the opening remarks.

"We are hoping to get Spencer Christianson, but there are no guarantees, as of yet," Dr. Ron McBride, head of the journalism department, said.

The opening is then followed by career sessions. These sessions are also to be lead by guest speakers.

According to journalism instructor, Tommy Whitehead, the section leaders include: Judy Williamson, public relations; Ken White, broadcasting; Dr. Ron McBride, photography; Leigh Flynn and Doug Ireland, news editorial; and Bill Oliver, video yearbooks.

The television studio and satellite uplink facilities will be available for tours. Several schools from across the state have been invited to attend this special event.

However, the invitations to this years' journalism day were delayed due to the asbestos problem in the studio. The journalism department wasn't sure if the studio and its equipment would be available in time.

According to McBride, most of the students who visit are impressed with the journalism department's facilities. Throughout the tour, they are most impressed with the two broadcast studios and the radio station, KNWD.

Journalism Day begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon.

Social Work Club will make kids' Christmas

Virginia Colclasure
Contributing Writer

The Christmas season is upon us, and one campus organization is getting off to a great start.

As part of their community service project for Christmas, members of the Social Work Club have sponsored a Natchitoches group that benefits the children of the area.

The Social Work Club will host a Christmas Party today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for 60 children at the Boys and Girls Club of Natchitoches.

The decorated Christmas tree and gifts will be presented to the children at the party, and the Social Work Club will also be serving refreshments.

The Social Work Club is active throughout the year to help the children of this area.

Members of the club recently gathered teddy bears to be distributed to children at area hospitals and children's homes as Christmas presents.

The Christmas Party for the Boys and Girls Club is just another way the club is able to help some of the children in this area who are less fortunate than others.

"This is one way we are able to make some children's Christmas a little brighter," Jessica Donaho, a member of the Social Work Club, said.

Singing tree heralds Christmas Festival

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

The sounds of Christmas are jingling away as the Singing Christmas Tree rejoins the holiday festivities.

The tradition of the singing Christmas Tree began in the 60s. Last year however, the tradition was broken. A new tree was ordered but arrived the day after the Christmas Festival ended.

The first Christmas tree had to be replaced because its electronics were worn and outdated. The new tree is a replicate of the old one with an

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The *Current Sauce* staff would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals next week. Study Hard!

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE - FALL 1998 SEMESTER

Monday, Dec. 7
8:00- 10:30:
Engl 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020
11:00- 1:30:
4:00 MWF Classes
2:00- 4:30:
Math 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
5:30- 8:00:
Monday Night Classes

Tuesday, Dec. 8
8:00- 10:30:
9:00 MWF Classes
11:00- 1:30:
10:00 MWF Classes
2:00- 4:30:
3:30 TR Classes
5:30- 8:00:
Tuesday Night Classes

Wednesday, Dec. 9
8:00- 10:30:
1:00 MWF Classes
11:00- 1:30:
10:00 MWF Classes
2:00- 4:30:
3:00 MWF Classes
5:30- 8:00:
Wednesday Night Classes

Thursday, Dec. 10
8:00- 10:30:
8:00 MWF Classes
11:00- 1:30:
11:00 MWF Classes
2:00- 4:30:
2:00 MWF Classes
5:30- 8:00:
Thursday Night Classes

Friday, Dec. 11
8:00- 10:30:
9:30 TR Classes
11:00- 1:30:
12:30 TR Classes
2:00- 4:30:
2:00 TR Classes

Saturday, Dec. 12
9:00- 11:30:
8:00 TR Classes
12:00- 2:30:
11:00 TR Classes
3:00- 5:30:
Chemistry 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080
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Saturday only classes

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network and infrastructure."

One change made in those objectives was completion of the common access labs in the Student Union, Watson Library, the Family and Consumer Sciences Department and Rapides Residence Hall in Natchitoches and the Nursing Education Center in Shreveport, Leesville and Alexandria campuses, as well as distance learning classrooms installed in Kyser and Russell Halls.

Another change made was that a student-friendly university homepage was developed.

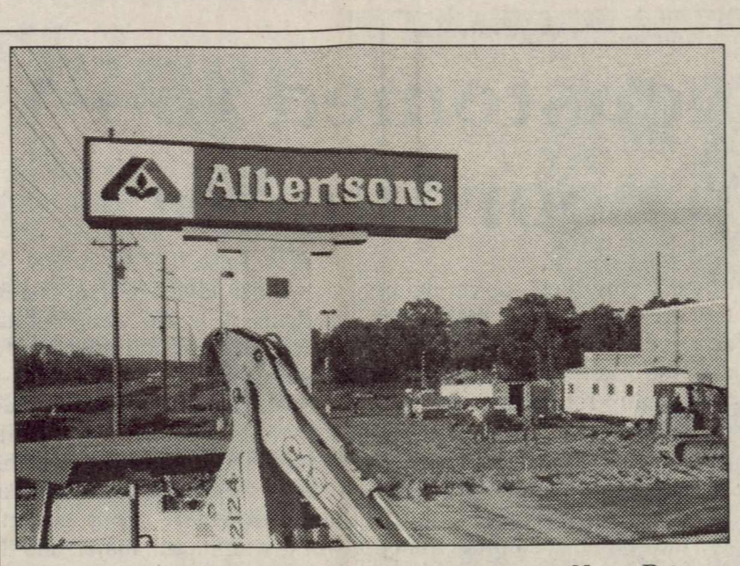
The homepage is a web-based student information center created with accessibility to on-line registration, grade information, financial aid, holds, unofficial transcripts and ability to change personal addresses, as well as up-to-the-minute news. Through the University's interactive technology planning web site, every aspect of the plan will be made available. It will be placed on-line and feedback will be solicited. It will also reflect input from students, faculty, administration and the community.

Reports on the progress of the plan will be linked to the site. A written annual report detailing the implementation, costs and evaluation results of each step will be presented to the Board of Trustees, the University president and the SGA president at least 60 days after the completion of the fiscal.

Over the past 10 years, the University has spent several million dollars on technology and related aspects. Some of this money comes from grants, but most comes from the University's budget.

Funding of technology initiatives over the next five years will require increased state funding, an increase in grant funding from private and governmental sources, acquisition of capital outlay funds and effective stewardship of the student technology fee.

"In the future, I would like to see an increase in the number of student proposals for tech projects," Dowden said.



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Students are anxiously awaiting the opening of Albertsons grocery store. Construction should be complete by the first of the year.

Arrival of new store is anxiously awaited

Clint Gibson
Contributing Writer

When students return for the spring semester, they can expect a nationally recognized grocery store chain to be within walking distance of the campus.

Construction is currently underway on the 80,000 square foot Albertson's located at the corner of the Highway One Bypass and College Avenue.

"We plan to herald in the new year with the opening of the Albertson's in Natchitoches," Albertson's Media Relations Director Susan Green said.

The Boise, Idaho based company plans to equip the Natchitoches facility with not only grocery goods, but also a pharmacy, bank and even gas pumps.

The building of the store marks a revolution in the location of stores in Natchitoches. It will be the first major grocery store located in west Natchitoches.

The store spells relief for many NSU residents. With the construction on Keyser Avenue, the store opening could not come at a better time.

"I'll never have to cross that bridge again," Rachel White said. "I'll do more shopping at Albertson's than Wal-Mart, so I will not have to fight that bridge again."

White, senior journalism major from Converse, La., wished a store like Albertson's was built closer to campus long ago.

"I won't get to take advantage of Albertson's all that much because I'll be out of here soon," White said.

The store's opening signals growth along College Avenue, the main corridor to the campus.

"Maybe now we can get a Burger King or other fast food chains on this side of town," Ben Scroggs, senior, said.

Other Albertson's are located statewide from Shreveport to Lafayette.

"I'm just glad somebody will finally be able to give Wal-Mart a run for their money," Lesa Thompson, copy editor extraordinaire, said.

Satellite campus tries to form SGA

Nicole Pinson
Contributing Writer

Students at NSU-Ft. Polk/Leesville campus are trying to improve the campus by chartering a branch of the Student Government Association.

Several attempts over the years have flopped due to a lack of student participation.

Donald Lavoie, Coordinator of Student Services at the campus, is the faculty adviser for the attempt to get chartered.

"There is an honest attempt to try to initiate either a chapter or an independent student government," Lavoie said. "The proposal has not yet been presented to the University."

Certain issues must go before the students before the SGA can become active.

During fee payment this year, students were asked to sign petitions to seek recognition. The petitions were also passed around to different classes at the University.

The first meeting was held on Sept. 4, but attendance was very low.

Students need to realize that there are certain fees associated with the SGA that must be paid at the time of fee payment.

Beginning a chapter would cause an increase in the amount of tuition, but it would not be a substantial one. Students attending the main campus are already paying this fee. The money collected goes to help fund scholarships that are given to the president and vice president; partial scholarships are also given to other key members in SGA.

Student life at Ft. Polk/Leesville campus is very different. Most students are married with children, and some have full-time jobs.

"I would like to see students have a formal means of representation to improve communication between students and us, as well as the University as a whole," Lavoie continued.

If anyone would like more information they may contact Lavoie or C. Creighton Owen, Executive Director of the campus, at (318) 238-6445.

Meaning of Christmas

Bridget Woods
Contributing Writer

Receiving presents and Christmas dinner are not the only things students look forward to during the holiday season.

There are other things that make Christmas enjoyable for many students.

Freshman Janelle Edwards thinks of love when Christmas comes to mind.

"My family prays before we eat our dinner, and the following Sunday, we go to church together," Edwards said. "We celebrate the birth of Christ because it's really not about giving."

Giving is also a minor part of the Christmas tradition to some students.

"Showing family members love, being in their presence, hugging and kissing them means more than a diamond ring," Edwards said.

Gifts don't necessarily show that people care about one another.

Sophomore Catrina Tademy thinks there are gifts you can give that will not put a huge dent in someone's budget.

"I love to receive cards," Tademy said. "They come from the heart, and they touch you. If someone wants to show me they care and do not have enough money to buy a fancy gift--send me a card."

There are some students who do think receiving gifts is an important part of Christmas.

Freshman Sabrina Radford said she likes to receive gifts.

"I feel if a person wants to buy me something for Christmas, that's good because I don't mind," Radford said.

Lesa Thompson, graduate student, said "Christmas is the one time of the year when we're a little more likely to think more of others than we do of ourselves: That's what makes it special."

Like past Christmas holidays, this one will also come and go, but perhaps the impressions that it will leave in our minds will last forever.

The time students spend with family and friends this Christmas can always give them a reason to look forward to doing

Graduation video will be made available to students

Stephanie Danby
Contributing Writer

Cap and gown? Check. Family? Check. Video camera? Oh, no!

Fear not. This year's fall graduation will be captured on film, compliments of the Department of Journalism.

"If a student has parents coming to graduation, [the parents] don't have to bring a camera," David Antilley, producer/director for the journalism department, said. "They can relax and let us do the work."

The journalism department made the graduation tape debut last year, selling about 20 copies of spring commencement. Antilley hopes to sell even more memories this fall.

All proceeds go to the journalism department.

Graduating seniors can reserve a copy of their fall graduation in the journalism office in room 108 of Kyser Hall.

Each tape is $25 if reserved on or before December 4. Anytime after that, the tapes will cost $30 each.

To reserve a copy of the fall commencement ceremony, students must fill out a form requiring name, mailing address and phone number.

Fall commencement forms are located in the journalism office and will also be placed in the graduates seats during commencement practice.

Graduating seniors who have completed a graduation form should receive their video over the Christmas holidays. Those who filled out their form at commencement practice should expect a slight delay in the arrival of the video.

10 tips for dealing with financial aid

For the past few months, our social work methods III class has been trying to find ways to improve the financial aid system here at Northwestern.

One of our first and major concerns was the phone lines in the financial aid office. Most students that conveyed their complaints to us expressed their impatience with the financial aid phone system.

Whenever students call, they are probably used to hearing a busy signal, rather than a financial aid consultant.

As we begin to research this problem, we found that we, as students, can reduce the calls made to the financial aid office, while receiving most of the information we need.

It is a known fact that most times students cannot get through to the financial aid office by phone.

We consulted with workers and advisors at the financial aid office and came up with some tips that should make our financial aid process go much smoother.

1. Be patient.
2. Look up your personal financial aid information and options on the Internet.
3. Attend financial aid workshops.
4. Make an appointment with your financial aid counselor.
5. If you are a transfer student, make sure your financial aid transcripts are available.
6. Sign everything.
7. Respond to requests on time.
8. Make sure paper work is done correctly (if you don't know, ask).
9. Check to make sure that everything is in.
10. Process papers early (not in June, July, November or December).

Although we can't change much about the University's phone system, we can avoid calling.

If you take the advice of these 10 tips, you may be able to get all the information you need, when you need it. TRY IT!

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Walker growing accustomed to role as scholarship coordinator

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

To begin this semester, approximately 2,900 students have received scholarships from the school; if you are in this group you have had some kind of contact with Kristine K. Walker.

Walker is the new coordinator of University scholarships here at Northwestern, and has held this position since the end of August.

The main job of the scholarship office is to administer scholarships. They keep track of who has what for when, and to what extent.

Walker said working in the scholarship office is a "lot of fun." The main reason she likes it is because she likes to work with students.

Since the job of the scholarship office is to administer, there are few scholarships given through the office. However, some of the few given are the following: academic, athletic, performance, and the Gertrude Bott Saucier Scholarship for continuing, non-traditional students.

While Walker has not had many problems yet, the deadline for the first scholarship is today, and the second deadline is March 2. If anyone has any questions pertaining to a scholarship, Walker said, "feel free to come by."

Some advice Walker has for students is to be aware of the continuing requirements for scholarships.

Walker also says that there are many other scholarships besides those given through her office. Some places to look are the following: your parent's work, within each major, and the Northwestern Alumni Foundation.

NSU Channel 21 gets the news out to the public

Clint Gibson
Contributing Writer

Want to get the news out?

One place to turn is the bulletin board which runs on NSU cable channel 21.

The board lists all campus activities for each week and runs 24 hours a day.

"From dances to car washes, we air it all," David Antilley, coordinator of the board, said.

Many students not only tune to channel 21 for the bulletin board, but also to listen to the campus radio station, KNWD.

"About two months a go we started pumping KNWD through our air waves," Antilley said. "I have had feedback from students who say they will just turn on their television and listen to their favorite disk jockey and music on our channel."

Antilley knows students watch because "when a word is misspelled on the screen, they call in and complain."

"I know it works," Lesa Thompson, English major, said. "I got lots of response to my plea for help with the Hurricane Mitch relief to Honduras because people saw the message on the board. It gets results, and it's free. You can't beat that."

Students find channel 21 very informative. Michael Addison, sophomore broadcast journalism major from Alexandria, likes the idea behind channel 21.

"It is very informative in keeping up with NSU activities and enabling me to become more involved," Addison said.

The bulletin board also runs on channel 22 four hours a day. According to journalism department head, Dr. Ronald McBride, this poses a problem since channel 22 is broadcast to the entire city and not just on campus.

"We had a request to inform the community about a happening at the local high school, but we couldn't," McBride said. "A common misconception is that we can run community affairs, but the board is unique to Northwestern."

If a fraternity, sorority or any other organization on campus wants to place an upcoming happening on the bulletin that is NSU oriented send the typed details of the event to Antilley in room 104 of Kyser Hall.

"You can send us all the information as far in advance as you wish, and I will make sure it gets on the air," Antilley said.

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added bonus--it runs on CDs so that a variety of songs can be played, unlike the original tree, which had a special musical track.

The Singing Christmas Tree has a special place in the Christmas Festival tradition.

"It's one of those things you just expect to be there: some of the set pieces have been there for 30 to 40 years," Nick Pollacia Jr., executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and director of the Christmas Festival, said.

The tree is located beside the Fleur de Lis stage where the Festival of Lights offically began on Nov. 24. The stage is the center of entertainment during the festival and the tree makes a definite impression.

"I used to work on the riverbank as a cook and I memorized the songs the Christmas tree played," Donnan Brian, a native of Natchitoches, said. "From a tourist's point of view, it's a pretty nifty tree. They want to come back and see it".

Pollacia claims this year's entertainment is "the best we've ever done." One can expect a variety of musical groups performing ranging from gospel, blues, cajun, to R&B. Also featured is the 1950's superstar group, the Diamonds.

The Singing Christmas Tree will certainly have a lot of worthy competition.

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The Singing Christmas Tree, located next to the Fleur de Lis stage, has become an annual tradition of the Christmas Festival.

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Very, *Very Bad Things*

Amy Haney
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Very Bad Things
Polygram Films

Very Bad Things is a film full of what the title suggests: drugs, prostitution, betrayal, murder and the power of positive thinking.

The movie begins innocently enough, with a fussy Laura Gerrety (Cameron Diaz) trying to make the final preparations for her wedding to Kyle Fisher (Jon Favreau of Swingers).

When Kyle's friends take him to Vegas for his bachelor party, things begin to get very bad, indeed.

The boys dive into a substance abuse free-for-all, and Boyd (Christian Slater) calls in a stripper/prostitute who eventually gets killed in the bathroom of their suite when Michael (Jeremy Piven of Grosse Pointe Blank) gets too rowdy. Boyd convinces the others that the best thing to do is to hide the body in the desert.

For whatever reason—the drugs, the booze, the testosterone—the boys agree, but not before a hotel security guard shows up to check on all the noise complaints other guests have made. Well, Boyd can't let the guard see the body and walk away, so the guard goes down, too, and gets buried in the desert with the prostitute.

The bachelor partiers travel back home, all shaken and in shock. Michael's older brother, Adam (Daniel Stern or City Slickers) has a particularly hard time, soon executing a complete freak out at Kyle's wedding dinner rehearsal. This leads to a confrontation that ups the body count by two,counting Adam's minivan.

As the movie progresses, the body count rises , until, at the end, we are left with Laura, Kyle and a three-legged dog. (Don't ask. You'll have to see it for yourself.)

This movie will really thrill the pants off people who liked *Dumb and Dumber* or *There's Something About Mary* because *Very Bad Things* is also based on the gross-out factor instead of any logical plot or consequence-based reasoning.

There are good laughs at the beginning of the movie, but afterwards, it's all macabre humor.

Throughout the film I kept hoping it would all be a dream sequence, that Kyle would wake up still in the opening scene of the movie and call off the wedding, but no such luck.

If you like movies based on shock value, this one should tickle you pink. Otherwise, beware.

Fast cars, much love

Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Cake
Prolonging the Magic
Capricorn Records

The boys from Cake are back with a collection of ska-ballads sure to delight and please. *Prolonging the Magic* is the third CD from the Sacramento, California quintet. Full of mellow synthesizers and effects accompanied by poppy guitar riffs and smooth bass-lines, *Prolonging the Magic* is an auditory joy ride.

Though it is composed predominately of love songs, there are the mandatory odes to automobiles and even a social commentary or two.

Vocalist John McCrea lures you into the music with his smooth almost monotone voice and keeps you there while he tells of love and greed and death, all shaded by his cynical sense of humor.

The first single off of the album, "Never There," is one of the more upbeat songs from the album. It is, of course, about an absentee lover and the frustration of being unable to reach her. The album, however, is dominated by slower and more poignant songs.

Prolonging the Magic is well-constructed musically and smart, though sometimes sad lyrically and is definitely worth checking out for yourself.

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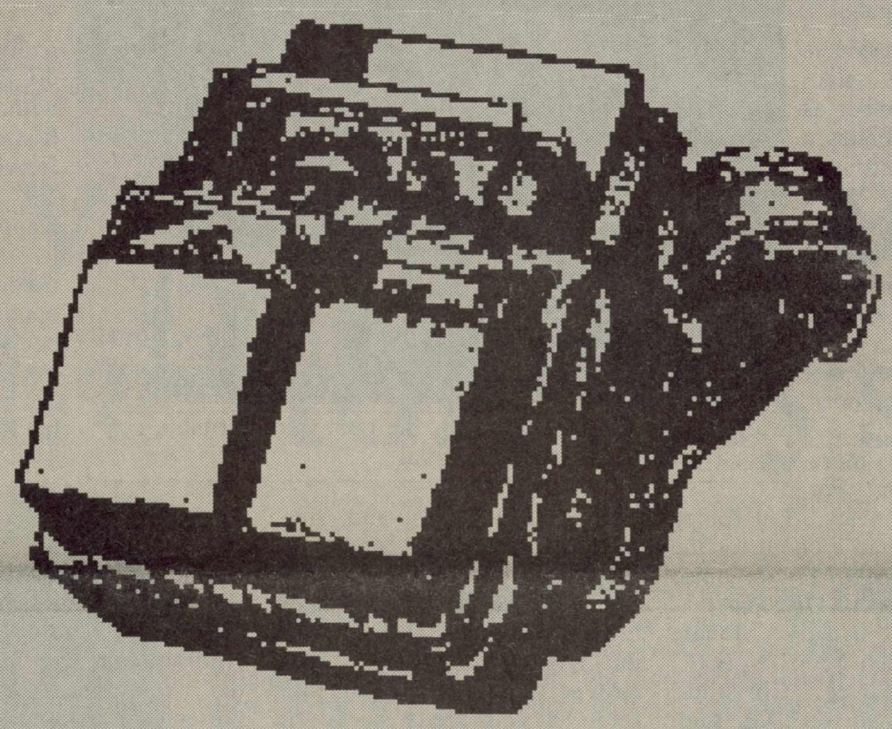

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1999 Freshman Connectors selected

Kelle Head
Contributing Writer

The 1999 Freshman Connectors were recently selected to induct incoming freshman into NSU student life.

These 20 student leaders will assist incoming freshman, ensuring their first impressions of NSU are favorable.

Connectors help students who are planning to enter NSU for the fall semester by spending two days on campus, and also provide early registration for classes.

This enthusiastic group hopes to ease the transition of students to their new homes in Natchitoches.

The students were chosen for their leadership abilities and integrity through an application process.

Each applicant was interviewed by various Natchitoches leaders. Finally, 20 students were selected to become orientation leaders.

The group includes: Bryan Alleman, Allison Bishop, William Broussard, Polly Crawford, Virginia Dixon, Angelique Duhon, Larry Ellis, Tricia Hrapmann, Melanie McBride, Mitzi Murphy, Camille Nunez, Allison Nunley, Rocky Procell, Haguit Riveria, Ryan Scofield, Lucas Shaw, Rashanda Simms, Kyle Thomas, and Kelly Watkins.

Freshman Connectors 1999

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Emily Tracy, a returning Connector, is exicited about the new orientation leaders.

According to Tracy, the group will not only lead four summer orientation courses, but will also represent Northwestern at Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) during the spring.

This year the workshop will be taking place at Elon College in North Carolina.

At SROW, connectors learn new orientation techniques, and compete against other universities in a song and dance competition.

"Last year we placed second in the song and dance competition," Tracy said. "I am confident we will bring the first place trophy to NSU this year."

Northwestern has an outstanding group of connectors this year.

Full of enthusiasm, this group will represent NSU well at SROW and display the many wonderful qualities of NSU to incoming freshman.

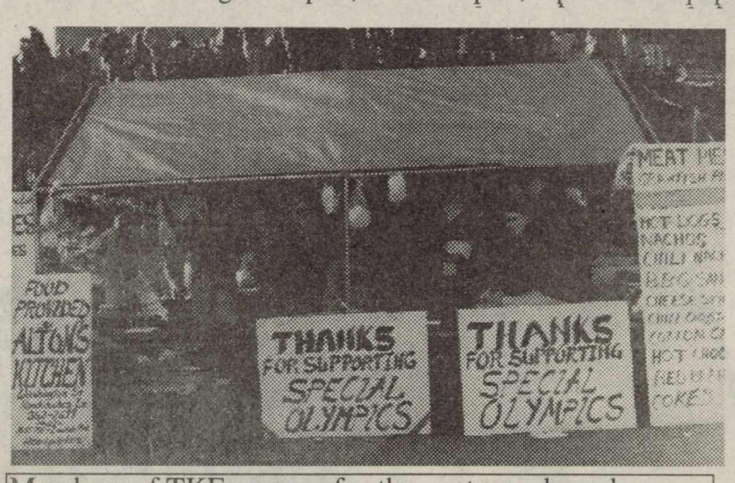
Mitzi Murphy, connector, is confident the connectors will do a great job.

"I think this year's connectors will not have any problem conveying to the freshmen that NSU will be filled with many incredible experiences," Murphy said.

TKE prepares annual Christmas fundraiser

Wes Whipp
Contributing Writer

Dazzling with seasonal regalia, Natchitoches is a delight for residents and visitors alike during December as the city celebrates a month of activities and events. And everything culmintes with the annual Christmas Festival on the first Saturday of December.



Members of TKE prepare for the post parade rush at last year's Christmas Festival.

However, for at least one campus organization, the Festival is more work than fun. For the past five years, Tau Kappa Epsilon has had a booth for the Christmas Festival to raise money for Special Olympics.

"We usually donate anywhere from $500 -$1,000," Harrison MaGee, Christmas Booth chairman for TKE, said. "We find that this is a good cause and the chapter takes pride in knowing that we are part of a program that offers opportunities to athletes with mental retardation around the world."

This year's booth will be selling meat pies, crawfish pies, nachos, red beans and rice, gumbo, hot dogs, and soft drinks.

"We usually open up on Friday night and work through the day on Saturday," Nick Jirovec, fundraiser chairman said. "It gets pretty hectic on Saturday, especially after the parade and right before the fireworks show."

Planning for the booth starts months in advance, MaGee said.

Russell Sisson, a TKE alumnus from Natchitoches, provides equipment and advice for the project every year.

"We really could not do this project without Mr. Russel's help," Jirovec added.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is the only fraternity with a booth and will be located next to the Church Street Bridge on the Riverfront.

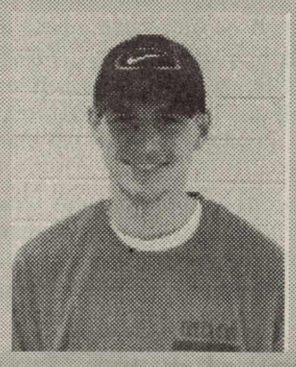
Special Olympics is TKE's national philanthropy.

Besides the Christmas booth, TKE also helps put on the Special Olympics track meet which is held here at Northwestern. the money from the fundraiser is usually presented at this track meet.

"Special Olympics is a great program, and we are happy to help however we can," MaGee added.

"Current Quotes"

"What would make Christmas perfect for you?"



"A Mustang GT."

Eric Devillier
Freshman

"Snuggling with my honey and watching the fireworks."

Jennifer Quebedeaux
Sophomore

"The perfect Christmas would be to have all of my family and friends with me to celebrate and a '99 Chrysler Sebring waiting for me outside."

Bridget Moiden
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"About twelve hours with the Swedish bikini team!"

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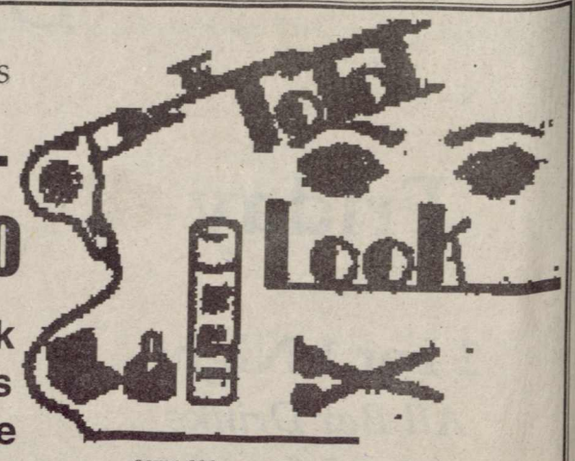

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From the president

Luke Dowden

Since this is my last opportunity before a brand new year to expunge any important notes, let me acknowledge some unfinished business.

I would like to begin by congratulating those seniors who managed to make it through a tough semester and will graduate on Friday, Dec. 11. Good Luck with your futures!

Let us begin with the issue of the IM Building. Since students overwhelmingly passed the fee to fund the construction of a completely renovated and partially expanded facility, the university has petitioned the Architect Selection Board, which meets only two times a year.The last report my office received from the Recreation Sports Department indicated that Northwestern had been placed on the Selection Board's agenda in February to receive an architect and planner

In the mean time, I hope everyone has taken note of the Campus Connections every week for about a month. It requests students, who plan to be attending school at Northwestern two or three more years, to volunteer to serve on the IM Planning Council. This group will be very instrumental in working with the architect to finalize plans for the IM building.

Another point Northwestern students should be interested in is the Student Technology Fee. On July 16, 1997, the Student Government Association approved a five-dollar per credit hour (up to one hundred dollar) fee as mandated by the Louisiana State Legislature. As a result, we, the students have seen, the addition of several computer laboratories on campus, the development of several web-based students services including on-line registration, and a help-desk to provide technical support for students.

One of my duties as SGA President is to serve on the ITAC Committee, the University's Technology Planning Council. One of the duties of the Council is to allow university students and faculty/staff to complete Resource Funding Proposals (RFP's) which fund individual department's initiatives. The Council approved last month on my motion to mandate that two students be placed on each sub-committee whose specific purpose is review the RFP's and decide the most beneficial ones to recommend to the Provost for funding. Please call our office at 357-4501 if you wish to serve on these committees.

By the way, I have requested the Board of Trustees Student Member to investigate the possibility of initiating policy guidelines addressing minimum limitations on spending the technology fee for the universities in our system. Currently, there is no established policy for how the money can be spent except; each system has the authority to interpret the law differently. Our system has yet to provide this guidance to its universities and colleges.

Let me commend Dr. Webb for taking time out this semester to continue Breakfast with the President. I am pleased to see that our President lives up to his promise of an open door policy.

Thanks also to ARAMARK for providing breakfast free of charge for 15 persons, each of the six times we had breakfast this semester. The program is a great opportunity for students to voice their concerns with the President. We hope to include Dinner with the President in coming semesters. Let our office know if you would like to join us for breakfast next semester.

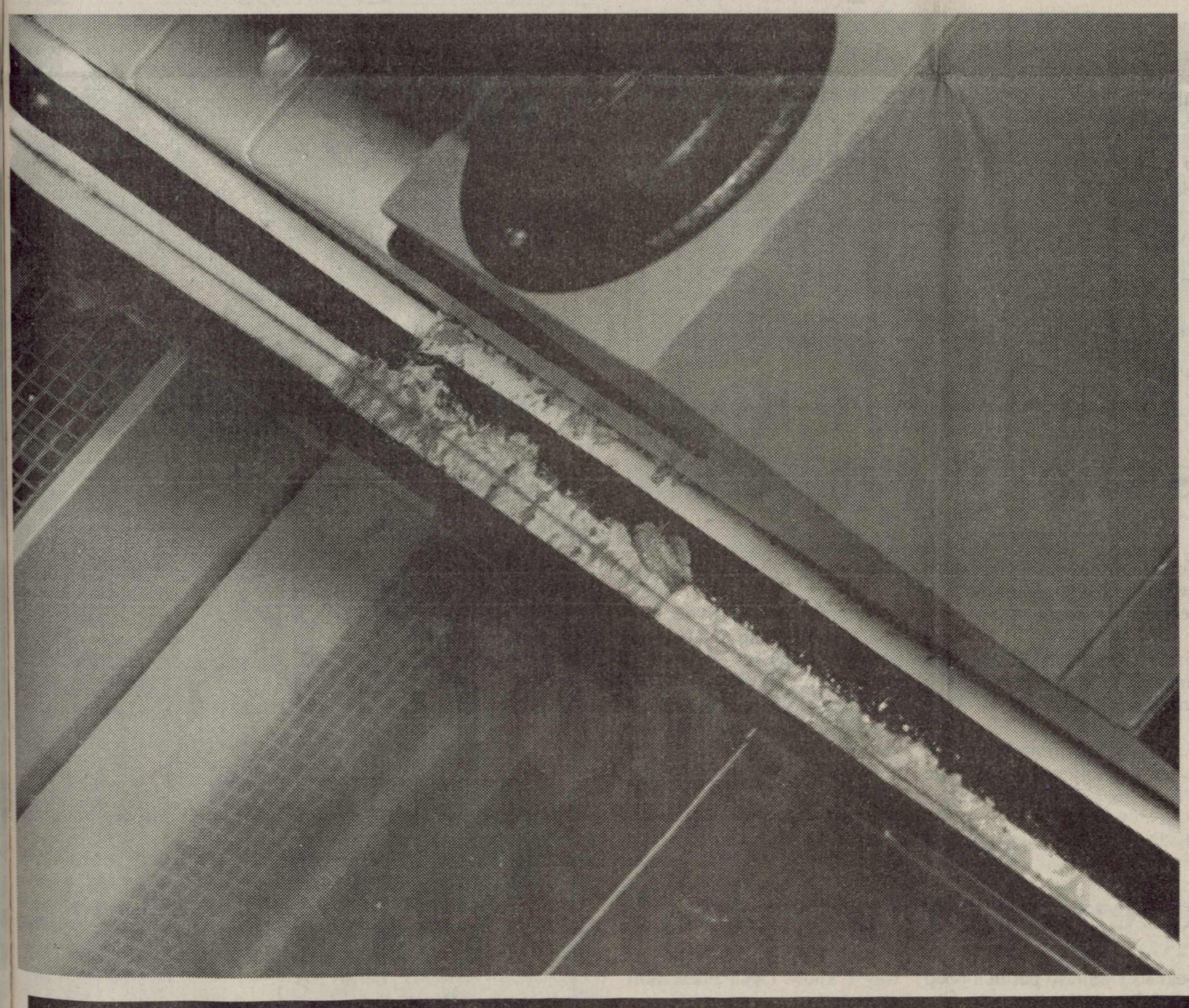
Finally, I want students to know that next semester, as I have this semester, I will have posted office hours and will be accessible even when my hours are not posted. The Student Government Association at this institution is here to serve you. The best way we can do that is for you, students with concerns, to get involved. Our committees initiate legislation, which goes to the Senate Floor on Monday nights at 7PM. If it passes in the Senate, it comes to me. I then take it to Dr. Webb. This system provides the proper representation of all student concerns; however, it is up to you to access this service.

Let me leave everyone, student, faculty, staff, and leading administrators with this thought. Vernon Galliano, a former President of Nicholls State University once said in a letter to his faculty on September 9, 1963. "We shall never be leaders as long as our students are giving only the measure of obedience compelled by the administration of the college. We shall be leaders only when our students look up to us with confidence, when they are anxious to know our wishes, when they are eager to win our praise and ready to jump at a word from us in the execution of our orders, regardless of whether they think our orders right or wrong."

I think he hit the nail on the head, hold those people who lead you to a higher standard. If you do not feel our administrators are living up to those ideals, get involved in an organization that can change this, like the Student Government Association.

In closing, I wish you all a blessed holiday and semester break.

Aramark always has a little extra for the holidays



Shawn Hornsby
Editor

I know you are looking at this picture in confusion. No, it is not one of those three dimensional pictures where some hidden image jumps out at you after you have crossed you eyes for an hour.

Let me make this simple for you. Turn the page clockwise until the picture is in a diamond shape. Now relax and gaze at the whole picture. Walk backwards through your mind (some of you do this regularly) to the last time you were in Vic's ordering a pita.

Is the image of the glass case on the left coming into focus? What about the counter to the right? If your paper is still tilted, look at the break that runs down the middle of the page.

This break is where the glass case meets the counter. No, the crap in the middle is not the result of a fuzzy picture.

Instead, it is the remnants of pitas that have come and gone; a memorial from Aramark in memory of the many pitas consumed by our student body; a living monument to the modern day advances in antibiotics.

Perhaps, this is just a little holiday extra from Aramark.

Now I know that cafeterias will never be as clean as operating rooms but the fine people at Aramark could brush a pile of crumbs out of such obvious crevices as this one.

Granted, I could have simply told a manager about the filth, but that does not make the issue important enough to prevent in the future. The manager would just tell one of the people who prepares the food or cleans Vic's to wipe it out and that would be the end of it. This way, I have all of you on Aramark's mind. After all, chances are you pay to eat there too.

Now Aramark will probably include this duty on some daily checklist.

Just in case you are wondering, I made the request for this photo to be taken two or three days after I saw the mess. I did not rush out and catch them in the middle of a busy day.

I am quite sure this picture will grab Aramark's attention. So if you, the powers that be, are reading this I would like to pass on a couple more complaints from my fellow students.

Lately, I have heard that the meals in the hot lunch line have been cold and the selection is getting monotonous.

Thank you and keep the pitas comin'.

Letter from the Editor

This is it. This is the last edition of the 1998 Current Sauce.

Philip, thanks for making the transition of editor-in-chief so smooth for me. I appreciate your willingness to help teach me everything there is to know about putting out a newspaper.

I would like to give a sincere thanks to everyone who wrote for me this semester. A big thanks especially goes to Becky, Crystal, Raymond, Greg and Heather for taking the time to write stories. The paper wouldn't be possible without all of your help.

Another big thanks goes to my editorial staff. Kris, Andrew, Danny, Amy and Terry, thanks for hanging in there. I think we put out a good newspaper this semester.

Kris, you went above and beyond your responsibilities with your late nights and dedication to the whole paper. You're going to make a great editor one day!

A very special thanks goes to Lesa Thompson, who did much more than just the copy editing for the paper. Thank you for helping me out, even though you were swamped with graduate work.

Gary, Ben, Steve, Amy and everyone else at the photo lab deserves a big thanks for the wonderful pictures they take. I appreciate all the last minute requests you came up with for me. Thanks and I look forward to working with you next semester!

John Michael and Ben, you guys have kept the paper in the black. I know it's not easy chasing down all those ads. Thank you both very much.

Thanks to both Tommy and Steve for your encouragement. You both made me feel a lot better about taking over.

To all the students and faculty at the University, please have a very safe as well as happy holiday!

For next semester, I encourage all of you to come by The Current Sauce office in room 225 in Kyser Hall if you have any story ideas or topics that need to be addressed.

On another note, I want to encourage everyone to support the Northwestern State Demon Football team all the way to Chattanooga. The coaching staff and players have worked very hard this season to get this far and represent the University so well.

They deserve your support and are to be commended on a job well done. Keep up the good work guys! We're proud of you!

To everyone on the Student Government Association, this has been a great semester and we have accomplished quite a bit for the students. The great thing about it is that we are only half-way through with the year. We have so much more we can do for the University and the students.

Mr. Henry, you deserve a big thanks not only from me, but from the entire SGA for making time for all of our meetings and events.

Ms. Phyllis, I know you're the one who keeps Mr. Henry going. Thank you for your friendly smile and constant willingness to help.

Most importantly, I must thank you Courtney for your help and support.

I know I could not have done any of this without your help. I get more excited about April everyday. You have been a true bright spot in my life.

Finally, I want to encourage all students to study for their finals. Freshmen, this is the first time many of you have experienced a week of finals, so prepare yourselves and start studying NOW! Believe me, you'll thank me next Monday after a weekend of serious partying at the Christmas Festival.

Happy Holidays everyone!
Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

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A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all of the staff writers who helped with the paper this semester.

Have a safe and happy holiday and enjoy the rest of 1998.

We could not have done it without you! Study hard for your finals and have fun on your break. You have earned it.

To our Jewish friends, Happy Hanukkah

Jamie Slayter

Clarity for the Confused

CLARITY FOR THE CONFUSED

(Jamie Slayter -Nov.24, 1998)

I would like to take time to respond to the response made by Chris Foster about my previous article entitled "Why is Weed Illegal?" Basically, all I was trying to do was briefly express my own opinion about the debate over marijuana. Now Chris, you obviously didn't read the article very thoroughly or were bewildered by my choice of words cause you have somewhat MISSED THE POINT, which is shown by the fact that most of the arguments you make aren't totally true, or are irrelevant to the basis of the article.

So please let me enlighten you on the point that I was trying to make, which, if you think about it really hard(come on, gear up those brain cells now), really isn't that difficult to understand. The point that I was trying to make was that there are harmful drugs(such as alcohol and tobacco), having no positive benefits whatsoever(except that people like them) that are legal in our country today. Meanwhile, marijuana(which is also considered to be a drug) is made illegal, even though it is not any worse for you than alcohol or tobacco, and considering the fact that it has medical, industrial and other benefits(yes, I know along with the harmful effects).—-And this, in turn makes no sense.

I apologize for not making the harmful effects of marijuana factual enough for you. You seem to be bothered by the fact that I "insinuated" the effects rather than demanded them to be fact. My reason for being speculative about the harmful effects was due to the fact that serious research on the harmful effects of marijuana is somewhat new compared to the extensive research that has been done on the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco. Therefore, there are many conflicting views among members of the medical community about the marijuana issue, whereas medical facts about the effects of alcohol and tobacco are much more universally agreed upon. And yes, I do believe that marijuana does increase the risk of cancer, but the debate over its harmful effects led me to choose the speculative approach, which I had reason to do.

I must also thank you for your enlightening comparison between harmful effects and symptoms of marijuana vs. tobacco. This just proves my point that the physical damage caused by both drugs is too closely related to justify the legalization of one and not the other.

As for your "BIG LIE complex", don't you think that you are being a little over dramatic? First of all, psychological addiction should not even enter the argument. Psychologically, a person can become addicted to almost anything, drug or no drug. People can become psychologically addicted to anything from alcohol, fast food, shopping, or even other people. So the psychological thing proves nothing.

As for physically: you say you know of these studies from Europe and the United States which prove that marijuana is physically addictive. Well I have also read studies from medical professionals and people with PhDs who would be more than willing to argue that it is indeed NOT addictive. The fact is, that the addictive issue is a controversy, and not a "lie" as you would like to refer to it. I have seen more than plenty of arguments from both sides of the debate—-I choose to believe that it is not addictive.

I must say that I am so delighted you liked my "Mother Nature" statement so much. I would like you to know though, that I am quite aware of the good and bad products that come from both Mother Nature and man-made products. I was NOT trying to insinuate that everything which comes from Mother Nature is good for you(although it would seem that it should be that way). It's called trying to have a SENSE OF HUMOR Chris..... would you like one?

Now for the irrelevant stuff...

You complain that marijuana, alcohol and tobacco are not comparable as to the reasons why people use them. What does that have to do with anything? Did I ever mention the reasons WHY people use them? The comparable aspect lies in the fact that all three of these substances are considered to be drugs and all have harmful effects on peoples' health. The unfortunate difference is that one is unfairly made illegal while the others are not. I could care less about the reasons why people use these substances, but if you are so concerned, then go write your own article about it.

Now what about some of the other irrelevant facts? Chris continues to blabber away about how industrial hemp has no THC, thus its only purpose in life would be for manufacturing reasons. At no point in my article did I narrow the benefits of marijuana specifically down to the "hemp" part. I was discussing the benefits of the plant as a whole, not just the hemp part. Therefore benefits would not only include all of the manufacturing aspects(clothes,tennis shoes, rope, etc.) but also the medicinal benefits for patients with certain health problems. If you had bothered to try and read the article thoroughly, you would have learned that Chris.

As for your childhood, I don't know anything about your upbringing, but I'm sure that you also learned the concept that a fact has the right to remain a fact until it is proven wrong. Up until now, there has never been a proven case of death directly linked to marijuana use. Unless you can show me proof that this fact is wrong then I will choose to believe it as a fact.

Casey Shannon

The Campus According to Casey

During about 9/10this of the year Natchitoches is the perfect safe-haven for those who do not enjoy excitement and culture. This simple town, known for the retired population residing in it, provides a calm serenity and peaceful existence.....until, that is, the holidays.

About this time every year Natchitoches begins to culturally crescendo, and for a few (well lit) weeks we resemble what most non-Louisianians would assume us to be.....FUN!

Soon the Festival of Lights (AKA Six Flags over Jesus.....we even have a ferris wheel!) will be upon us, and all of those residing in the historic district will begin to portray a look in their eyes, as if to say, "I have been up all night due to a blazing red and green glow coming through my window.....and is I here one more gypsy vendor yelling at the person setting up their mobile booth/home, I will personally see to it that they become part of the funnel cake batter for this year!"

All joking aside, this place is (dare-I-say) a hoot for the remainder of the year. Coupled with NSU Demon post-season Football Excitement , it might actually be a hoot-and-a-half before it falls back to sleep sometime after new years.

So, for those of you new to the area.....stick around and enjoy. For those of you who might have had all of the jolly fat man experience that you can handle.....hold that bah humbug for a few weeks. If things go our way (football wise), this might be a Fest to remember.

Oh yeah.....if you plan on being in town for the Fest.....invest in some comfortable shoes and a bike. With an expected 150,000 people for the festival coupled with the frenzied football fanatics, it could be impossible to get your car out of the driveway!

Top Ten Reasons to go to the Christmas Festival

10: Where else can you watch Christmas lights come on with 150,000 complete strangers?

9: Drunkenness is the acceptable means of consciousness.

8: You can steal candy from the little kids as the floats pass by.

7: The traffic is so bad, the festival is the only place worth walking to.

6: Where else can you watch twenty grand go up in smoke in less than an hour?

5: You can't get to Wal-Mart anyway, so you may as well go to the festival.

4: It is the only time Mayor Joe could possibly run out of those I Love Natchitoches stickers.

3: MEAT PIES--no not that remanufactured crap from Aramark.

2: You may as well go because you weren't going to study for your finals anyway.

1: It is always exciting to see if the SWAT teams can break last year's record for the number of cops across from the Kappa Alpha house.

Santa, I've been a real good boy!

This letter was sent to Santa Clause in late October from Little Tommy. Santa thought our readers might get a kick out of it.

Dear Santa,

My name is Little Tommy. My mommy said I've been very good this year.

If you don't mind, try not to ask her how good I've been until the dog's hair grows back. She's been a little cranky since I played barber with Fluffy.

I want to discuss my Christmas list with you. I know you have been making your list and checking it twice, so I want to make sure you know I haven't been naughty but nice.

As for me, all I would like is a trip to New York. I just love the Big Apple.

What I really want to talk to you about is gifts for my friends. You see Santa, they haven't been very good this year so I want to put in a good word for all of them.

First of all, let's talk about my friend Shawn. He needs a new hobby to keep him out of trouble. He is always looking for trouble.

For my good buddies Terry and Andy, who are always hungry, please give them a year's supply of Papa John's pizza.

Kris has been pretty good this year but I want to help him out anyway. Kris needs a bit of creativity to help him do his work at school.

For my extra special friend Danny, he would like a shiny new bike so he can ride to school with his favorite teachers.

To Gary, Benji, Stevie, and Amy I would like you to get them a watch so they will never miss another school assignment.

My buddy Heath needs a pager just for him and me. That way I know I can reach him anytime I want.

Ronnie wants to enjoy all of the best places to get Buffalo Wings. Have you heard of Hooters? I heard they have great wings and *things*.

I worry about my friend Sara because she rides her bike everywhere. She really needs a louder horn, new reflectors, and a bright orange flag.

Stephie was looking for some very obscure items. I know you can find them. The first was a left-handed crescent wrench then a bag of instant water and finally a bucket of striped paint.

And finally Santa, little Rachel needs a mirror because she has a real identity crisis.

I know you can help me and my friends out with this list. Fly safe and tell Rudolph I said hi!

Little Tommy

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Football records fall in 48-28 win

Spangler ties Bobby Hebert single game record

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Records, like rules, are meant to be broken.

The Northwestern State Demon set their place in the record books as they beat the Illinois State Redbirds 48-28 Saturday in play-off football action.

Northwestern State cracked an 18-year-old record as they had 650 total offensive yards. This performance capped the old record of 603 set in 1980 and in 1996 against UTA and Sam Houston State, respectively.

Backup quarterback Brad Spangler inched closer to Bobby Hebert 364-yard mark set in 1980 against UTA as he threw for 344 yards on 17 attempts, 12 completions, and four touchdowns.

Spangler also tied the single game touchdown mark Saturday, sharing the position with teammate Warren Patterson and former Saints quarterback Bobby Hebert.

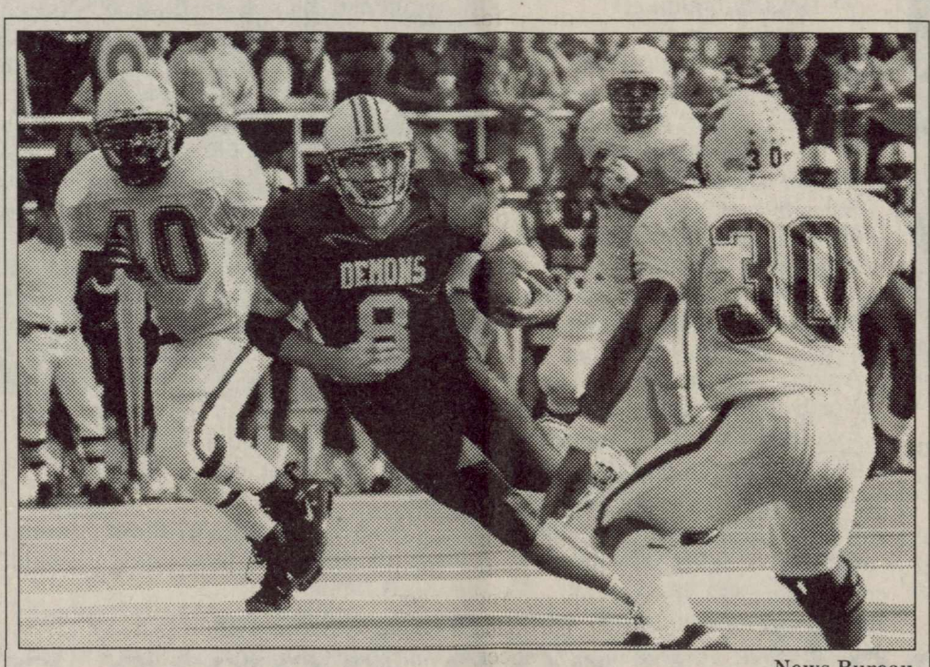
"We knew it would be difficult to keep their offense contained, but all in all, I was pleased with our defense and the way we made the big plays to keep control," Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said. "Offensively we took advantage of them where we could when they had a breakdown. Brad did a nice job of catching them and burning them."

Of the four touchdown thrown by Spangler, three were caught by junior wide receiver Chris Pritchett, tying the single game record and sharing the honor with Mark Duper. He had six catches for 192 yards.

From the ground the Demons built up 283 yards rushing on 42 attempts and three touchdowns, lead by fullback Brian Jacquet 97 yards on 11 carries.

The Redbird acquired 502 total offensive yards, leading by quarterback Kevin Glenn's 219 yards passing on 45 attempt, 18 completions and one touchdown.

"That's a heck of a good football team we beat," Goodwin continued. "They are very young and I know they will be a force to be reckoned with in I-AA for some time."



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Pritchett darts left and right in his quest for paydirt.

The Demons lit the scoreboard up with 13:19 left in the first quarter on their first possession when Tony Taylor ran for 29 yards giving the Demons a 7-0 start.

Spangler then capped a 6-play, 80-yard drive with 1:20 left in the first quarter when he completed a 35-yard pass to Pritchett, setting the Demons lead 14-0.

After a punt by Jake Strader, Spangler connects with Pritchett for 60 yards in the closing seconds of the first quarter, pushing Northwestern onward 21-0.

Illinois State's Scott Preusker catches a one-yard pass from Glenn, inching the Redbird to 21-7.

Jacquet ended a 5-play, 78-yard drive with 13:26 left in the game with a one-yard leap, moving the Demons to 28-7.

Sam Zanders ran 4 yards with 12:19 left in the third quarter pushing Illinois to 28-14.

Jacquet ran 45 yards up the middles with 9:54 left in the third quarter giving the Demons a commanding 35-14 lead.

Northwestern's T.J. Sutherland became a target of Spangler as he caught a 59-yard pass with 5:45 left in the third, increasing Northwestern's advantage 42-14.

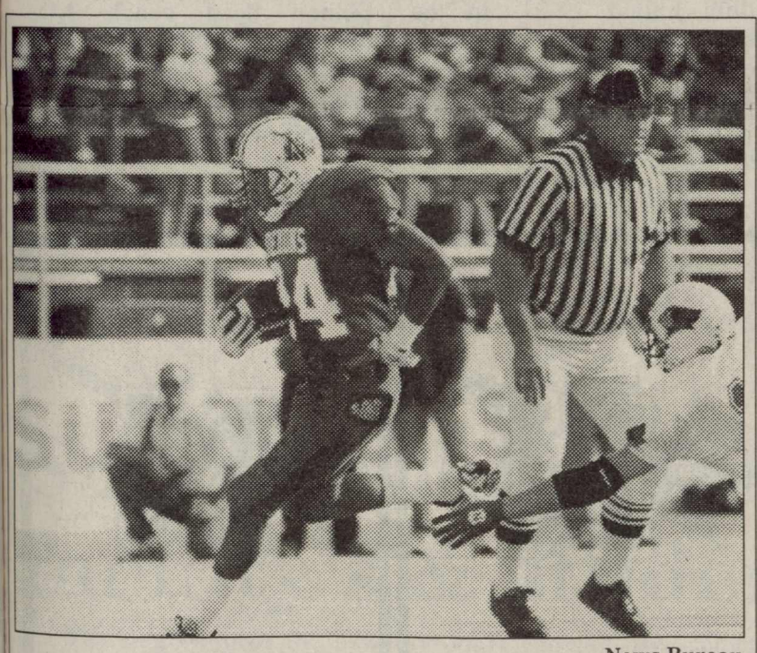
Zanders finished a 16-play, 71-yard trek with a 2-yard run with 1:12 left in the third, increasing the Redbirds to 42-21.

Pritchett fell in the sights of Spangler for a third and final time as he netted a 53-yard pass with 9:29, setting the Demons advantage 48-21.

Zanders ran for 14 yards with 3:12 left in the game, clinching the score 48-28.

"We have a mature team and we didn't get too excited at any point," Goodwin ended. "We were as relaxed today, to be truthful, as we have been in quite a while. We know when we want to have our celebration and where we want to have it, and that's down the road three game up in Chattanooga. We are just very happy to be 1-0. It's a new season and we have some work ahead of us now."

The Demon (10-2) will take on the Appalachian State Mountaineers at 11 a.m. in Turpin Stadium Christmas Festival Day. Appalachian State defeated Tennessee State 45-31 on Saturday afternoon.



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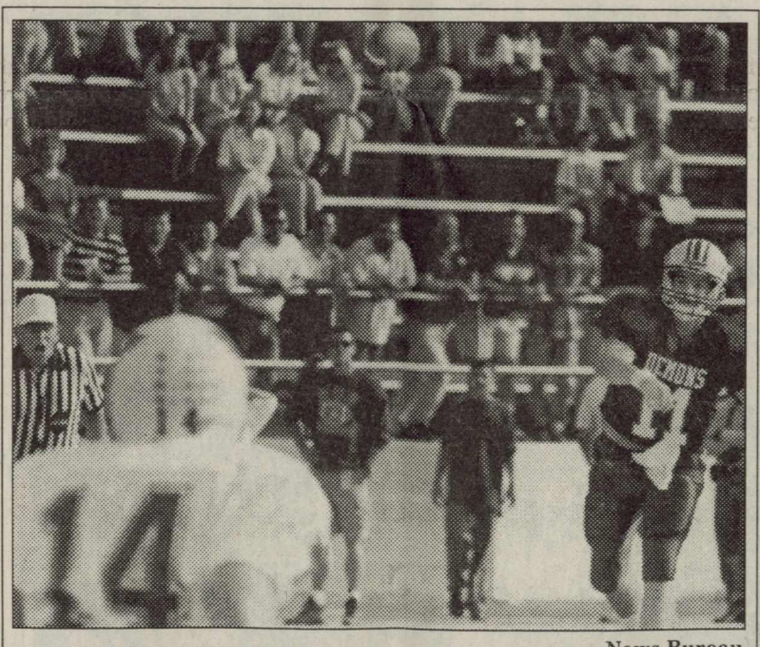
Ronnie Powell ran for 90 yards after recovering from an ankle injury.



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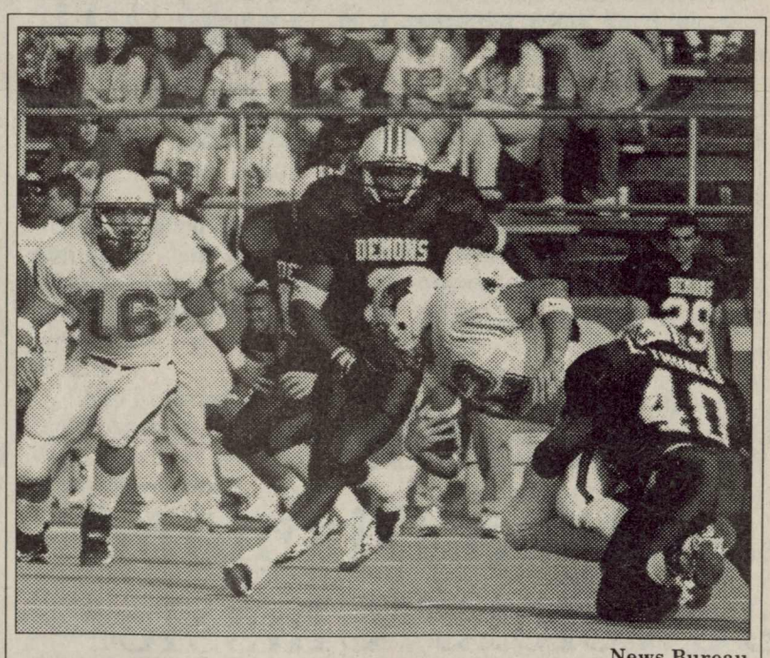
Brad Spangler lobs one to many passes in Saturday 48-28 victory.



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Defensive back B.J. Williams dodges a defender with help for Ladann Thomas.

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expect this game to be much more a defensive struggle than we've had for a while. They are real aggressive, very quick and have a great secondary, which is the foundation to any good defense."

"Offensively they are pretty balanced, and like us, they run the ball very effectively," Goodwin continued. "The have two very good quarterbacks, two very good running backs, and several very good receivers. I am glad we are playing at home. I think our fans can give us a very big advantage, and that could be huge in the game

Northwestern has won 73 percent of their home games this season, including victories in the 11 of their last 12.

From the quarterback spot, Northwestern is still lead by junior Brad Spangler. Spangler lacked 21 yard from breaking former Saints quarterback's Bobby Hebert 16-year-old record of 364 yards. Spangler has acquired a pass efficiency of 202.3 but does not qualify for NCAA ranking due to limited action.

Spangler came in for senior quarterback Warren Patterson. Patterson has been given a clean bill of health, recuperating from an injured stomach muscle at Jacksonville State. Patterson fell during his 47-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Sutherland.

Patterson set a new personal high touchdown receptions record with 12. His tallied nine as a sophomore.

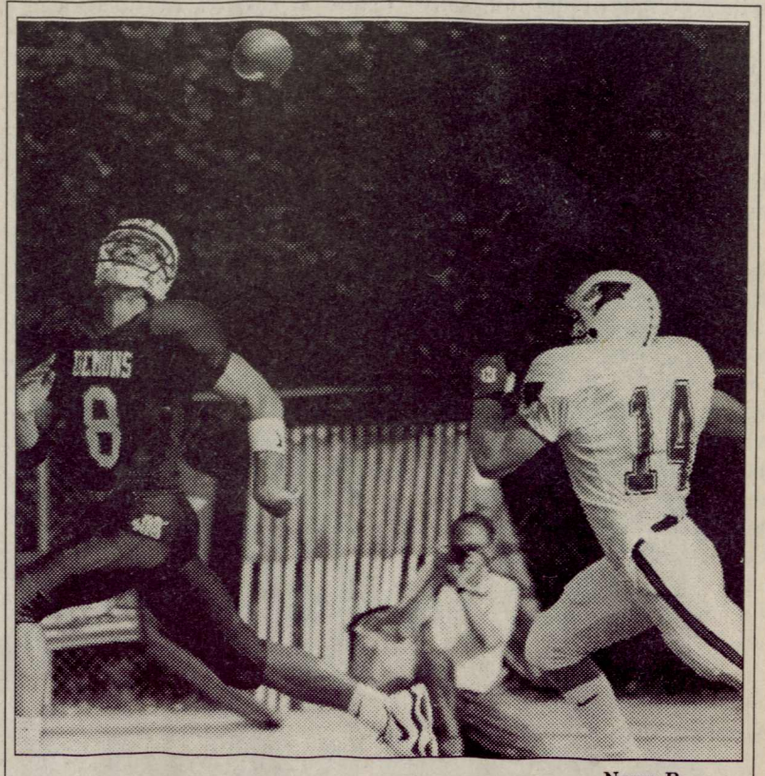
Between theses two quarterbacks, they have thrown 25 passes for yardage ranging from 27 to 77 yards and have thrown for 2,501 yards overall.

Also stepping in from the bench is redshirt freshman Tony Taylor. Taylor has posted four 100-yard games since stepping in for senior tailback Ronnie Powell. His best performance came during at Jacksonville State when he ran for 230 on 38 carries, the best performance by a freshman tailback.

Taylor also earn the Best Run honor in the Comaq College Football Plays of the Week Contest when he collided with seven Nicholls State defenders and kept running. Taylor rushing yardage is the best so far in the Southland Football League.

From a defensive standpoint, senior cornerback Jermaine Jones has seen paydirt five times this year for Northwestern. Jones broke the career and single-season record for pass breakups held by Randy Hilliard with 42 and 19, respectively.

The parade for the Christmas Festival will start at 2 p.m.



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Chris Pritchett struts into positon for one of three touchdown passes.

Top juco joins the baseball program

Sports Information

Conway High School product Ed Linck, a slick-fielding shortstop at Connors State (Okla.) Community College, has signed a baseball scholarship to play at Northwestern State, which ranks among the country's top 25 winningest Division I teams in the country in the 1990s.

The Demons, 40-20 last year, won their sixth Southland Conference title of the decade last year. No program in the nation in major college baseball has won more conference titles in the 1990s, and the Demons have won 65 percent of their games during that span.

Linck was signed to replace All-American shortstop Ryan Anholt for the 2000 season at Northwestern, said second-year head coach John Cohen.

"Ed is probably the best shortstop in the midwestern junior college circuit. Filling the shoes that Ryan Anholt will vacate after next spring was our number one priority in the early signing period this month, so we are extremely happy to bring Ed into our program," said Cohen, an All-Southeastern Conference outfielder in 1989 at Mississippi State.

"Ed his a good, hard-nosed player with a strong arm. He is a line drive hitter who will fit perfectly into our program. He comes from one of the nation's best junior college programs and is part of a team that has an excellent chance to play in the junior college world series next spring," said Cohen.

Linck, who throws and bats right-handed, was redshirted last season and will play his

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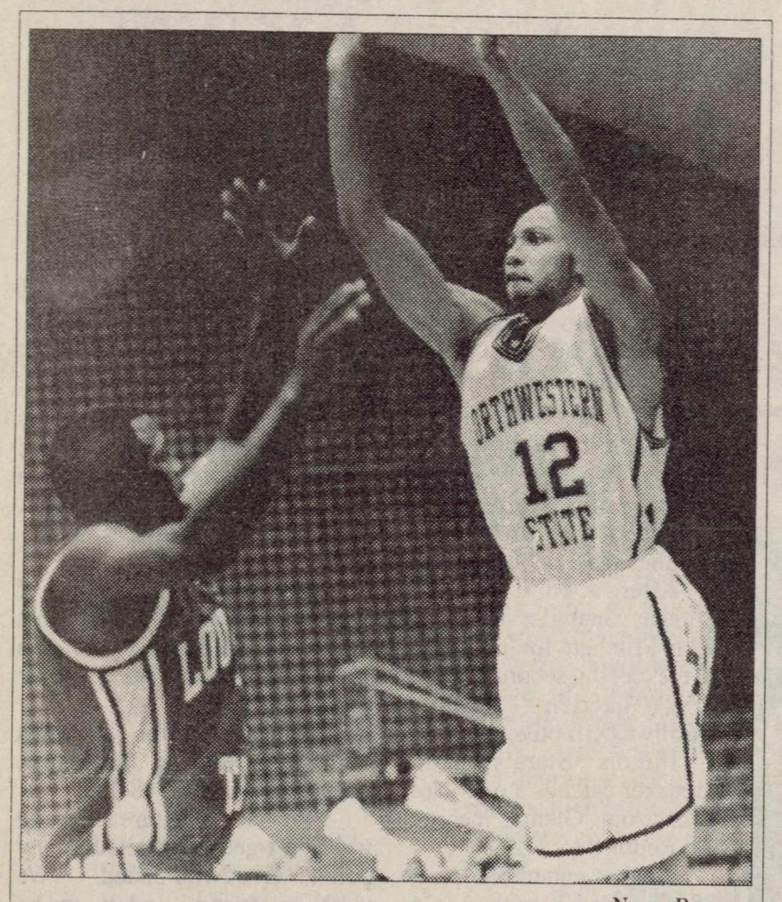

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Alann Polk fires off another three-pointer in Monday night loss to Louisiana Tech.

Demons edges Grambling

Sports Information

Appropriately., Northwestern State junior guard Richard Taylor said he was making up for a mistake when he rolled in the game-winning shot at the final buzzer in overtime to beat Grambling 66-65 Tuesday night.

Taylor wanted to make amends for a turnover he made the last time the Demons tried to run the same play. And the Demons made plenty of mistakes, notably 28 turnovers, but they compensated, said coach J.D. Barnett, with tremendous effort.

Taylor, one of four game-high scorers with 15 points, took a pass on the left wing from Amid Sardinea after Northwestern inbounded with five seconds left underneath its own basket. He hoped to cut to the baseline and pull up, but instead cut toward the free throw line and sliced into the lane, looping a leaning 10-footer that hit the front rim, kissed softly off the backboard and slipped inside the basket just before the buzzer.

The Demons got their first win after losses at Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Mississippi State by beating the Southwestern Athletic Conference preseason favorite Tigers. Grambling, which lost Saturday at Georgetown after falling earlier in the week at Southeastern Louisiana, dipped to 0-3.

"If there's a team in America that deserved to win more than this group, I would be shocked," said Barnett. "They busted their tails in three games that honestly they had very little chance to win, and tonight, even when they got down nine points in the second half on the road against a team picked to win the SWAC, they kept giving great effort.

"And it paid off. All those hours of drills, all those early morning practices, all those down and backs (conditioning drills), these guys haven't quit, and they weren't about to give up tonight when it was tough and frustrating," said Barnett. "It's been a long, long time since I have been as proud of a team as I am tonight."

Grambling, which was unbeaten in Memorial Gym last season, overcame a 14-point first-half deficit and blew a nine-point second half lead in a game which featured a combined 57 turnovers, evenly divided between the Tigers (29) and the Demons.

"We made a heck of a lot of mistakes," said Taylor, who had 7 turnovers himself. "I did. But we didn't hang our heads, we kept coming back trying to win."

Taylor said Grambling's defense forced him to take the ball

"The last time we ran that play, I had turned it over, so I wanted to make up for it if I could," he said. "I was trying to get to the baseline but they had it blocked after Amid got me the ball, so I took it to the lane and got a good open shot."

Sardinea also scored 15 points and grabbed a game-best 16 ebounds.

Ryan Duplessis and Charles Thompson each added 10 points.

Grambling got 15 points each from Thomas Dodd and Chris Thomas while Kenny Haynes scored 14.

Remarkably, the undersized Demons outrebounded the Tigers, winning their first board battle of the season 40-37.

"If we win the boards, as tiny and scrawny as our guys are right now, that is one heck of a measure of the effort they're giving," said Barnett. "It's good to see their hard work rewarded. I was scared for them, that they wouldn't win and they would get discouraged, because it's been difficult for them.

Mens basketball drop home opener 63-41

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

A crowd of 1,132 people watched a spirited Northwestern Demon squad open the 1998-99 home schedule, and they also saw the Demons hang tough with the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

But in the end, the undersized, under-experienced Demons took it on the chin last night, falling to the Bulldogs 63-41.

The loss now drops the Demons to 1-5 on the season , while the Bulldogs remain perfect at 4-0.

Once again, the Demons lost the battle on the glass, with the Bulldogs snagging 35 rebounds to the Demons' 29. The Demons also had 26 turnovers, 15 of them coming in the second half.

"We were never consistent with our defense," said point guard Alann Polk.

"We got passive. We should have listened to coach (Barnett).He was telling us good things but we didn't listen."

Polk, the sophomore point guard, was the Demons' leading scorer, with 13 points. Polk also hit 2 of the 3 Demons three pointers last night.

The Demons started the first half falling behind quickly, with the Bulldogs jumping out to a quick 8-3 lead. But by the middle of the first half, the Demons responded by tying the game 10-10.

After the Demons tied the game at 10, they took a brief 12-10 lead when Polk hit a quick jumper. The Demons never held the lead again after a three pointer by Tech's Craig Jackson.

At the half the Demons only trailed 29-21. In the second half, the two teams exchanged baskets until late in the second half, when the Bulldogs went on a 17-6 run to ice the game.

The leading scorer in the game was Tech guard Lonnie Cooper, who scored 14 points and also led in assists, with 6.

"We have a young team that need to make better decisions on the court," Demon head coach J.D. Barnett told. "La Tech is a switch team. We needed to make better cuts and read defenses better."

Women split Jackson Diamond Jewelers' Classic

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Thanksgiving holidays meant one thing for the Lady Demon hoopsters. It meant having to travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma to do battle in the Jackson Diamond Jewelers' Cowgirl Classic on the campus of Oklahoma State University.

Friday evening, the Demons had to face the host Cowgirls. Down by as many as 11 points in the first half of play, the Lady Demons stormed back to pull within a two-point deficit, 34-32, at intermission. However, the Cowgirls answered with an 8-1 run out of the locker room in the second half, pulling away to an 88-65 victory.

The Cowgirls caught fire in the second half, shooting 72 percent from the field, while the Lady Demons hit only 38 percent in the second half. The Cowgirls finished the game hitting 60 percent from the field, while NSU hit 41 percent of their shots for the game. NSU also ran into foul trouble, as five players, including three starters, finished the game with four fouls. OSU took advantage at the line, hitting 27 of 41 free throws.

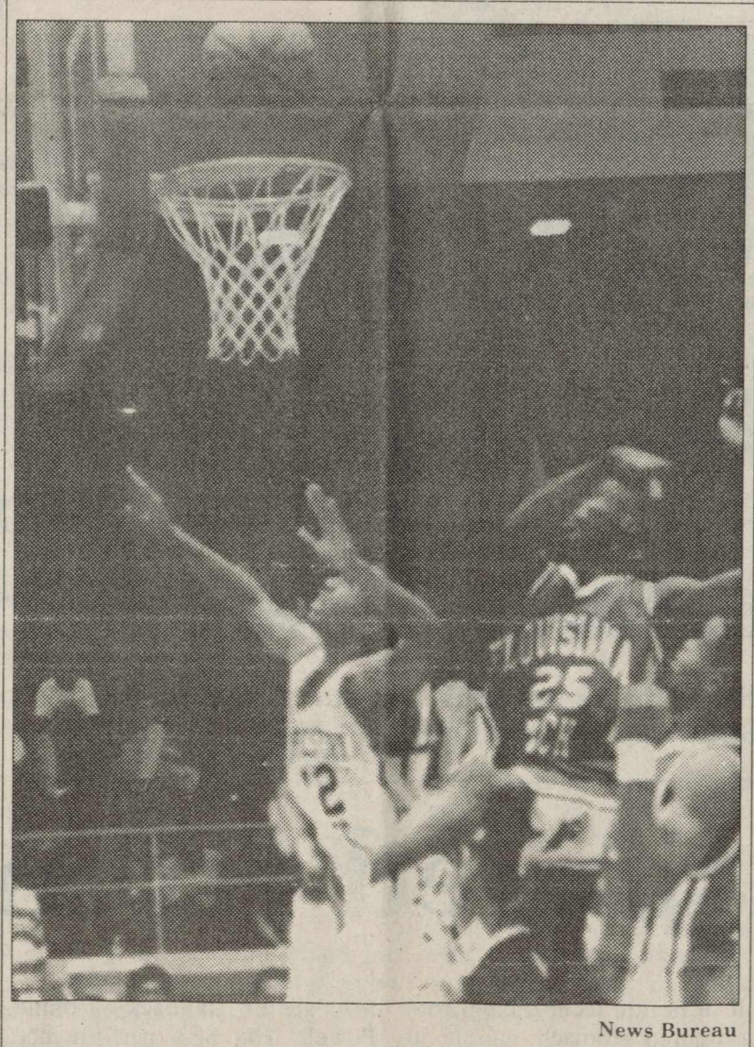
Northwestern was led by junior point guard Jady Clark with 17 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists as well in the losing cause. Clark managed to break out of her season beginning slump, shooting 8 of 13 from the field against OSU. She had averaged only 7 points per game on 5 of 25 shooting through the first two games of the season. Kia Converse came off the bench to add four three pointers for 12 points, while freshman Emily Huey added 12 as well off the bench. Huey was 5 of 6 from the field, 2 of 2 from the charity stripe, and added four boards as well.

The consolation game of the Cowgirl Classic Saturday afternoon pitted Northwestern against the New Mexico Lady Lobos. New Mexico had been undefeated entering the tournament before losing to Missouri-Kansas City on Friday evening.

The Lady Demons would only add to the cause, as NSU utilized 17 offensive rebounds and 13 second chance points, en route to a 66-59 victory over the Lady Lobos.

Northwestern was led by Converse with 18 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Sonya Bearden added 18 points, including four three pointers, while Louise Chase also contributed 8 points as well for the Lady Demons. Clark added 7 points, 7 assists and 4 boards of her own in the winning effort. Converse and Clark were both selected to the all-tournament team with their fine performances over the weekend.

Northwestern (2-2) now has some time off up until its home opener against Arkansas Pine-Bluff at 7:00pm December 12 at Prather Coliseum



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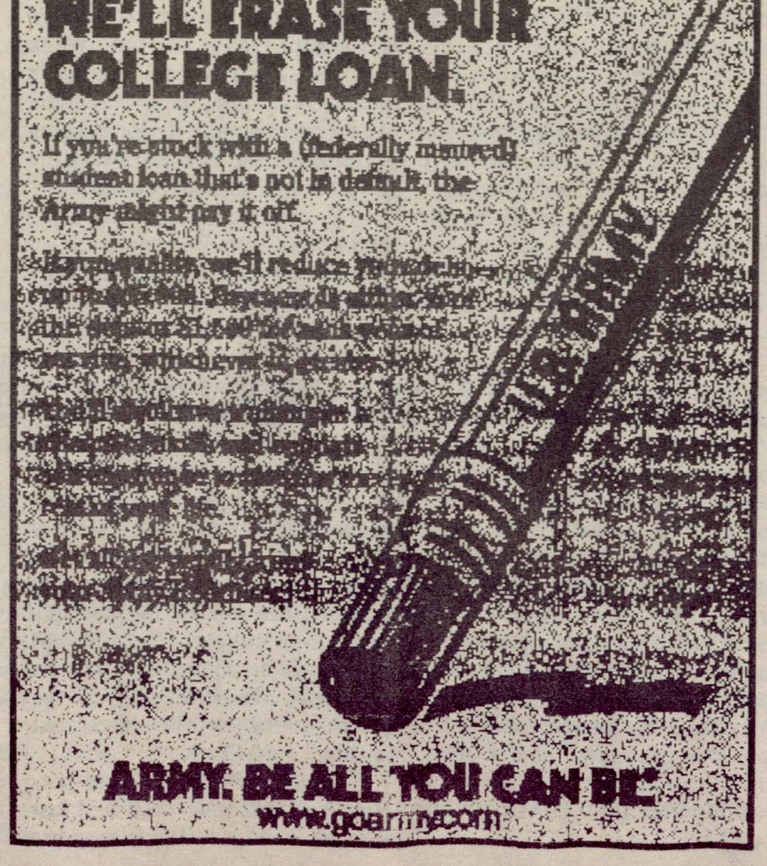
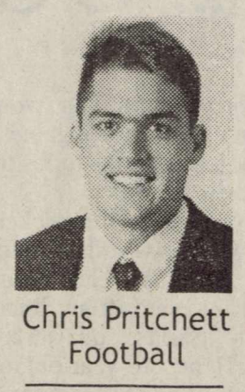
Alann Polk fights dukes it out with two Louisiana Tech players for the rebound.



Student Athlete of the Week



Chris Pritchett
Football

The junior wide receiver caught six passes for 192 yard in Saturday 48-28 victory over the Illinois State Redbirds. Pritchett tied the single game record shared by Mark Duper with three. The Demons improve their record to 10-2 overall.

Upcoming Home Contests
Football--Dec. 5
Appalachian State

Student Athlete of the Week

Kia Converse
Women's Basketball

The junior guard scored 12 point in a 66-59 victory over New Mexico at the Jackson Diamond Jewelers Classic. Converse hit four three pointer and received tournament honors. The Lady Demon move to 2-2 overall

Upcoming Home Contests
November 19
Women's Hoops
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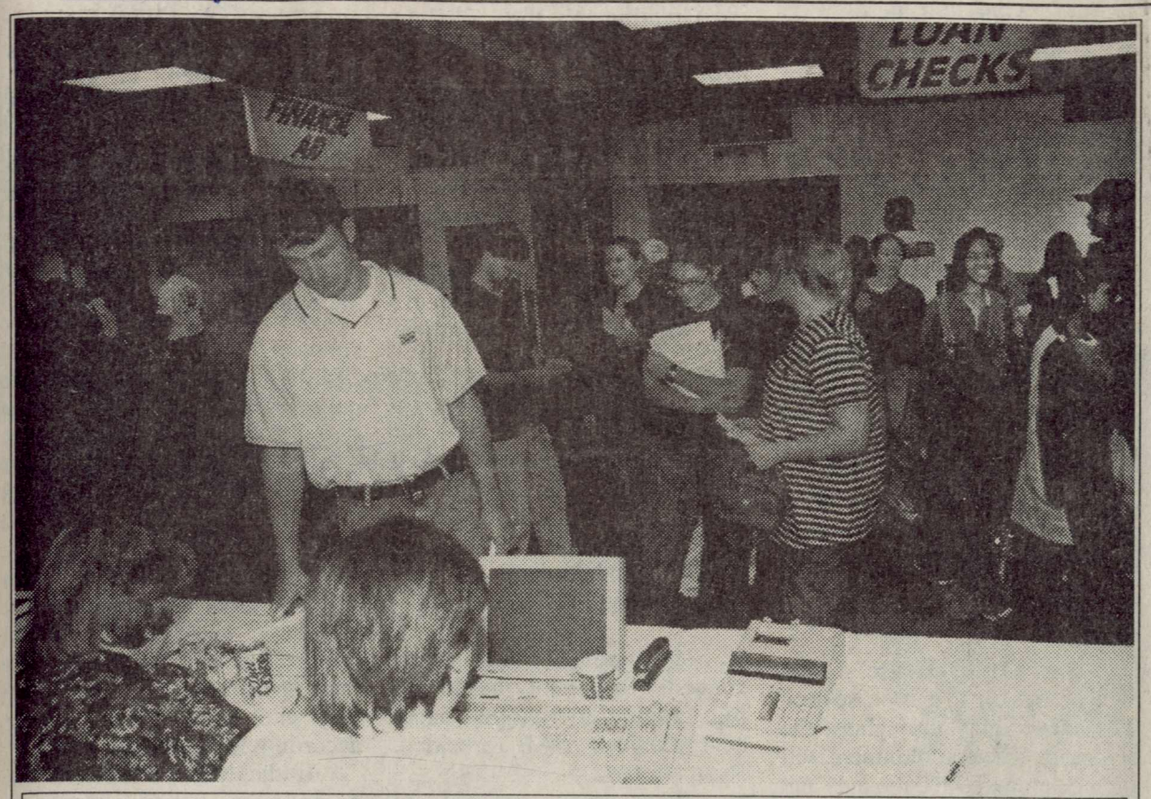

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Students wait their turns to pay fees in Prather Coliseum for the spring semester. This semester marks the first time students will be required to pay a $75 self-assessed fee to fund a renovated Intramural Building.

Is $75 IM fee too much?

Stephanie Danby &
Courtney LaCour

Students have mixed feelings about paying the $75 self-assessed fee for a renovated Intramural Building.

As students make their way through fee payment this week, they should notice an increase in their student association fee.

Approximately 65 percent of students who voted in September's elections approved a referendum which called for the existing IM Building to be expanded from 39,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet.

The projected cost for the project is $6.9 million which will be paid for through the $75 fee.

All students carrying five or more hours during the fall or spring semesters and summer school students carrying seven or more hours are required to pay the fee.

The spring semester marks the first time students will be required to pay the self-assessed fee.

Even though the referendum passed, some students feel they shouldn't have to pay the fee for a facility they will never see.

"It's nonsense for us to pay $75 for a building that we're not going to see or use," Crystal Ashley, sophomore business administration major, said.

If all goes according to plan, the renovations could be completed as early as January 2001 and no later than 2002.

If the building is completed by 2001, sophomores and freshmen could use the facility during their final years on campus.

However, some students still believe the fee is just too much money for one student to pay.

"Most college students don't have $75 to throw around," Earl Gates, sophomore physics major, said. "I know I don't."

The fee will be used to pay for the construction and operation of the Demon Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center.

Plans call for the building to be gutted and expanded to three floors. The new facility will include an indoor jogging track, a day care center and a multi-purpose area for lounging, studying and watching television.

Despite initial protest last fall to the renovation project, many students feel an improved IM Building would be a great asset to the University.

"I was against it at first, but I do think that it will benefit the school," Ursula Newman, senior hospitality, management and tourism major, said.

Manny Guendulay, senior journalism and English major, agreed that a renovated IM Building is a good idea because several campus buildings are in need of restoration.

"This campus, though historic, has a number of dilapidated facilities," Guendulay said. "The only way to construct new buildings would be through these fees."

Those students who paid the fee but will not be here when the building is completed will also have access to the building.

For every semester a person pays the fee, that student can use the facilities for that equal amount of time, according to SGA President Luke Dowden.

Scholarship available to education majors

The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is sponsoring the Catherine and Mary Winters Scholarship.

Money for the scholarship will be provided by the chapter in memory of two of its members, Catherine and Mary Winters.

The scholarship will be available for the fall 1999 semester. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year, but it has a minimum of $250 and a maximum of $500 to be awarded.

Those eligible to apply are female education majors who meet all of the following qualifications: attend the University in fall 1999; a minimum junior status; a minimum college GPA of 3.0 at the beginning of fall 1999; pursue at least a four-year degree in education and be a full-time student.

Applications for the scholarship are available upon request at the Office of Alumni Affairs from Lee McNeely.

Completed application forms and all other requested information must be postmarked by Jan. 29 and mailed to Barbara Laborde, scholarship chairman, at 130 S. Williams Ave., Natchitoches, La., 71457.

Sauce looking forward to faculty's & students' input

The ringing in of the new year means the start of yet another spring semester.

Instead of making New Year's resolutions, the staff of *The Current Sauce* will be working hard all semester to inform students and faculty of campus events, but we need your help.

Is there something you would like to see covered in the newspaper? If so, please tell us about it. Anyone with news ideas or knowledge of any campus events should call *The Current Sauce* office at 357-5456 or stop by room 225 in Kyser Hall. The staff would greatly appreciate your input.

Also, anyone who is interested in writing for the newspaper can attend staff meetings, which will be held every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in room 225 in Kyser Hall.

Remember, students get paid for their work.

Just a reminder to faculty and staff -- *The Current Sauce* wants to hear from you also. We would like to run a weekly column written by faculty and staff members on any topic from school-related events to international affairs.

Columns should be turned in no later than 1 p.m. on Fridays. Please include both a typed copy and a copy on a 3.5 high-density disk saved as text only.

Students' traffic tickets not lost after all; will be billed

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

A report issued by the state Legislative Auditor's office on the University's traffic ticket-writing system may not be as bad as it seems, University Police said.

According to the audit report released Nov. 20, 1998, a faulty TicketTrak System resulted in several traffic errors.

The report stated that University Police issued tickets valued at $117,477 between July 1, 1997 and Feb. 3, 1998. It indicated that $103,972 of the $117,477 of fines was recorded in the Financial Reporting System (FRS).

However, only $57,592 was actually recorded in the FRS and charged to students or non-student accounts, which meant fines of $59,885 were never recorded in the accounting records.

The report also stated that approximately $13,505 could not be transmitted to the FRS since the ticket system was unable to determine if the ticket was issued to a faculty member, student or visitor.

University Chief of Police Rickie Williams said the problem is not as bad as the audit report states.

Williams said many of the uncollected tickets were from campus visitors such as parents and other guests.

"We get a lot of visitors on this campus," Williams said. "Parents shouldn't have to pay."

Williams said visitors who are given tickets can bring them to the police station. However, Williams said many visitors simply choose to ignore the tickets.

Part of the problem with the ticket system was that police didn't have all the information needed to determine whether the person receiving a ticket was a student or visitor.

Williams said the Computer Center didn't scan all the necessary student information into the main frame until some time in December.

The Computer Center is responsible for scanning in information provided on scantron sheets that are filled out by students who purchased parking permits at fee payment.

University Police have used the TicketTrak System since 1992 until the hard drive began to malfunction in August 1997.

In a previous interview, Robbie Robinson, an auditor with the office of Legislative Auditor Dan Kyle, said computer glitches caused much of the downloaded data to be lost.

Robinson said students who came to pay fines found there were no fines on their record. He said the payments would show up as credits. According to the audit report, students would receive a $25 credit balance which was applied to the next charges incurred by the student.

Despite the system's problems, Williams insisted no information was lost.

Now that the Computer Center has scanned all student information, University Police have been able to check their records and bill students.

Students travel to Big Apple

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

The sights and sounds of Broadway came to life this December when several students traveled to New York City.

NSU Artistic Director Dr. Jack Wann led the annual trip for theater students and friends of the theater program from Dec. 26-31.

Wann said approximately 18 people made the trip, the majority of which were students.

During the trip, participants saw performances of shows including *Rent, Dinah Was!, Swan Lake, Cabaret, Forbidden Broadway* and other shows.

Wann said he sponsors the trip each year during the holiday season to give students and others interested in theater a chance to see popular Broadway and off-Broadway shows and meet theater professionals.

"This has been one of the most motivated groups," Wann said of this year's tour group.

He said the trip proved to be an excellent opportunity for students to network with several professional actors. Members of the tour group even had the chance to visit with the cast of *Rent* and other shows.

He said the trip also allowed students to see how other actors lived while trying to make it "big."

Clay Chauvin, senior theater major, said the entire trip was "simply amazing," especially when he watched the performance of Jennifer Jason Leight, one of the stars of *Cabaret*.

"It was the most amazing moment in my life to see her sing," Chauvin said.

Cory Pichoff, also a senior theater major, enjoyed watching the shows but was really surprised by how much he learned.

"I learned that it takes a lot of money to go to New York," he said. "I also realized that there are people working. New York is not as unattainable as I thought it was."

Pichoff said he realized that although Broadway actors and actresses are good at what they do, they are not so much "above" other actors.

"A lot of it doesn't have to do with talent but with being at the right place at the right time," Pichoff said.

In addition to seeing several of the top shows in New York, the group saw some of the well-known sights in the city including Rockefeller Center, Lincoln Center and the United Nations.

Those who made the trip include Eunice Bordelon, Ammett Merritt, Marti Dawson, Patrick Thomassie, Clay Chauvin, Cory Pichoff, Theodore Thomassie, Shelly Colvin, Lindsay Hand and Sabrina Plaisance.

Also making the trip were Peter Wright, Terrance Daniels, Eric Englehardt, Dory Thomassie, Tracy Thomassie and Katy Thomassie.

Wann said this year's trip will probably take place during the Thanksgiving holidays to avoid the millennium craze, which is sure to take place in

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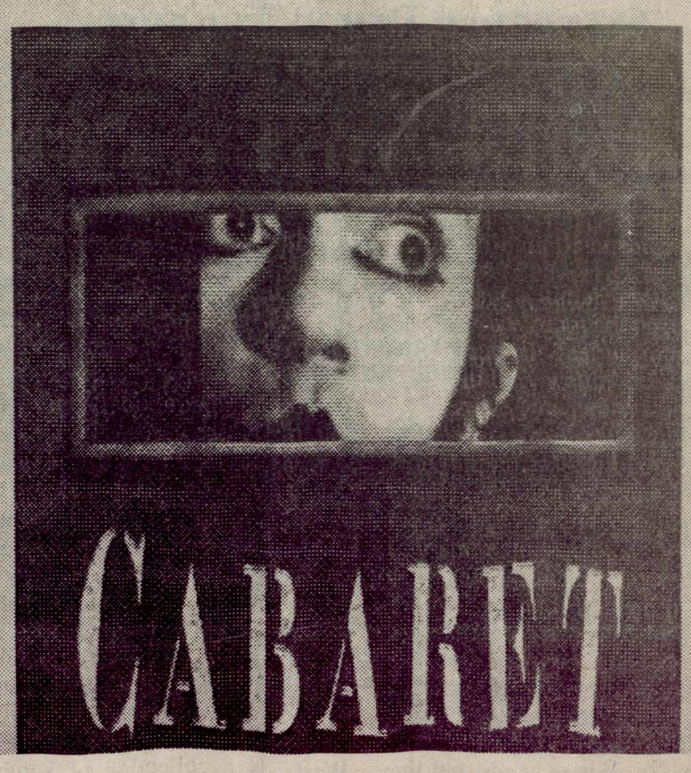
AT STUDIO 54



News

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Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Weekly meetings are held Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are welcomed to attend. For information on the SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: There are five positions available for representative at large. Applications should be turned in by noon on Jan. 22 in the SAB office in room 214 of the Student Union. Elections will be held Jan. 26.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

News 22: An informational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Studio A of Kyser Hall. All students interested in participating with any aspect of the daily newscast should attend this meeting.

Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion. We represent, but are not limited to, many paths such as Stegaheria, Celtic Reconstructionist Paganism, British Isles Shamanism and the Old Faery-Faith.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail Alastarm@hotmail.com.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

SAB to turn Vic's into coffee shop

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Occasionally, one of the local coffee shops will provide live entertainment for its customers. However, most students miss out because these performances aren't on a set schedule and often go unannounced.

The Student Activities Board hopes to change that by giving Northwestern students the opportunity to enjoy coffee and live acts on a regular basis with its "Coffee House" series.

"We feel that there is no coffee shop in Natchitoches with live music on a regular basis, and we want to fill that void," SAB Vice President Reta Brashears said.

The "Coffee House" series will be held in Vic's on several Thursday nights throughout the semester. The entertainment will include ammeter local bands and poetry readings. Free coffee and pastries will be served to students.

Brashears said that the SAB is still looking to audition acts to fill dates, and all students are encouraged to try out.

Brashears also said that the SAB will work hard to create a coffee shop type atmosphere.

"We want to make it an intimate atmosphere where students can come and relax or study and enjoy the live entertainment," Brashears continued.

Creating the right atmosphere will consist of rearranging the tables in Vic's, using partitions and getting the Student Art Society to help decorate. Brashears said that there is also the possibility of having art exhibits accompany the live acts.

The "Coffee House " series will begin on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m., and will feature an acoustical guitar duo named Wine Field.

The other dates for the series are set for Feb. 11 and 25, March 11 and 26, and April 18 and 22.

Any students who want to audition or are looking for additional information should call the SAB office at 357 -6511 or stop the office in room 214 of the Student Union.

MTV possibility

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

The annual SAB spring concert will possibly headline a big name alternative band, according to SAB president Ryan Scofield.

"The surveys we put out showed that students would prefer an alternative band for the concert, so that is our priority right now," Scofield said.

Among the possibilities is an MTV mini tour stop at Northwestern, according to SAB vice president Reta Brashears. The tour will consist of live remotes from the selected sites as well as performances by two or three big name alternative bands.

"The bands on the tour will be announced on January 25, and then we'll put our bid in," Brashears said.

The SAB is not sure of the likelihood of MTV coming to NSU because LSU is also interested in the tour, and MTV may choose the larger venue, according to Brashears.

If the MTV tour does not come here, other alternative bands will be pursued, according to Scofield. Of those possibilities, Green Day, Smashmouth and Counting Crows are on the top of the SAB's list.

"We are working on this real hard because it needs to be decided soon, considering the paperwork involved," Scofield added.

The concert is planned for April 8, which will be during the SAB's annual Spring Fling.

Fatboy Slim's Booty

Sean Woods
Staff Writer

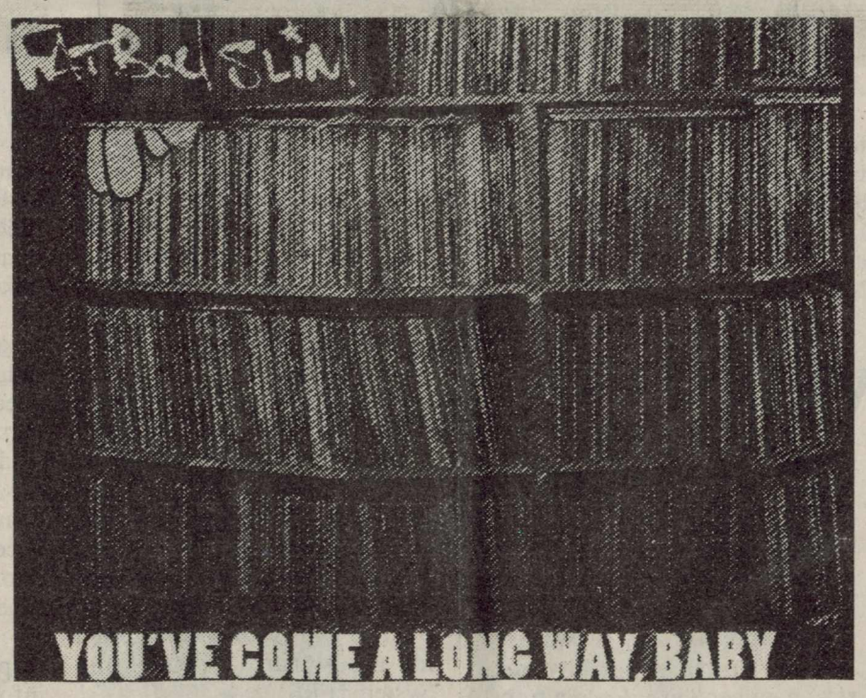
Fatboy Slim
Astralwerks
Polygram Records

Norman Cook's little musical experiment *The Rockafeller Skank* may be familiar to some of you out there in the Bar and Club land of Natchi...er, other parts of the state. You may recognize it as the "funk soul brother, check it out now!" song that seems to go vastly unappreciated in these parts. (Sources close to me say that the music genre called "Booty," for some amazing reason, is what the majority of the college crowd wants to hear at the bar. Sad. Oh well, back to the review.)

FS does a remarkable job mixing great beats and wacky sounding music that is produced by organs, guitars and my personal favorite instrument, the kazoo. The music is quirky enough to get down at a funeral with. (Coincidentally, FatBoy DJ'd a funeral once. I would have paid to see that.)

You may also recognize another tune on here from a Nike Commercial. It's called "Praise You," and it's a great example of how FS is able to weave a sweet oldies sounding song with some decent dance drum beats. I'm not sure, but the song "Gangster Tripping" may be poking fun, just as the Offspring did with that Pretty Fly for a White Guy Song.

This is not techno music for those of you that are confused. So what category would you say this music is if someone asked you? Why you'd say it's "Big Beat" of course! The same category the good ole' Chemical Brothers would be in. So quit reading this review and go buy the album right now.



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Modest mouse travels the crowded west

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Modest Mouse
Lonesome Crowded West
Up Records

Since they're from Seattle, I was expecting Modest Mouse to sound at least a little like the early 90s grunge bands, but they don't. They seem to have evolved on some distant, musically isolated planet with no influences besides the primitive village musicians.

Modest Mouse has an extraordinarily unique sound. The only band I can compare them with is Pavement, but Modest Mouse is harder than Pavement, stranger then Pavement and certainly less famed than Pavement.

The Lonesome, Crowded West is a collection of songs dealing primarily with spiritual issues in a way that would make most Baptist ministers cringe. Modest Mouse seems to have tapped into the souls of all revival preachers and takes a long look at them, then makes some keen, honest observations.

That Modest Mouse could do this impressed me because I thought that the phenomena of revivalist, fire and brimstone preachers was reserved for the South. Apparently the Pacific Northwest has its share too, for Modest Mouse has these characters down.

On the album we have such songs as "Jesus Christ was an Only Child," about Jesus investing in the Internet, and "Teeth Like God's Shoeshine," which makes some observations about televangelists.

Besides snappy titles and brutally honest lyrics, the music on The Lonesome, Crowded West is both catchy and moving. Most of the songs have a primitive feel with fast, almost chaotic guitars and fiddles. This sound works for them, though, lending a coarseness that furthers the message of the lyrics.

Not every song on the album is spiritually inclined. There's a song about convenient parking (called, aptly, "Convenient Parking") and another song called "Cowboy Dan," about a wannabe cowboy trying to escape civilization. This song particularly has a raw, primitive feel. I was amazed at how the Modest Mouse musicians were able to convey with modern instruments the sensation and sound of a tribal Native American dance, to which "Cowboy Dan" is set. "Cowboy Dan's a major player/ In the cowboy scene..." the song goes. "I didn't go to the city/ But the city came to me..."

I was very impressed with The Lonesome, Crowded West, and though Modest Mouse isn't well-renowned yet, I predict that they will attract some deserved attention in the years to come.

Sports

Sports Office 357-5384

Men's basketball team makes comeback

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The end of the fall semester marked the beginning of college hoops action as Demons played five games over the holiday season and began Southland Conference season play.

The young Demon squad looked very impressive in this five game stretch, winning four out of the five games, upping their record to 5-6, and starting off conference play with a 2-1 record. The one loss in that stretch came at the hands of McNeese in a very close contest that wasn't decided until late in the second half.

"We took a step forward. I was proud of everyone, especially Will Burks," Coach J.D. Barnett said of his team after a 97-37 piledriving of Belhaven College on December 17.

The blowout victory was not as much offensive as it was defensive as Burks, along with freshman guard Richard Taylor, had the game high of only 17 points. But Burks also sparked the Demons rebounding game, which had been non-existent in its past games, with 14 of the Demons' 49 rebounds.

The Demons held the Trailblazers to 29 percent shooting and forced 32 turnovers in holding Belhaven to only 16 points at the half.

The 60-point drilling of Belhaven is the second-largest victory in school history, behind only the 1992 pasting of LeTourneau College 140-51.

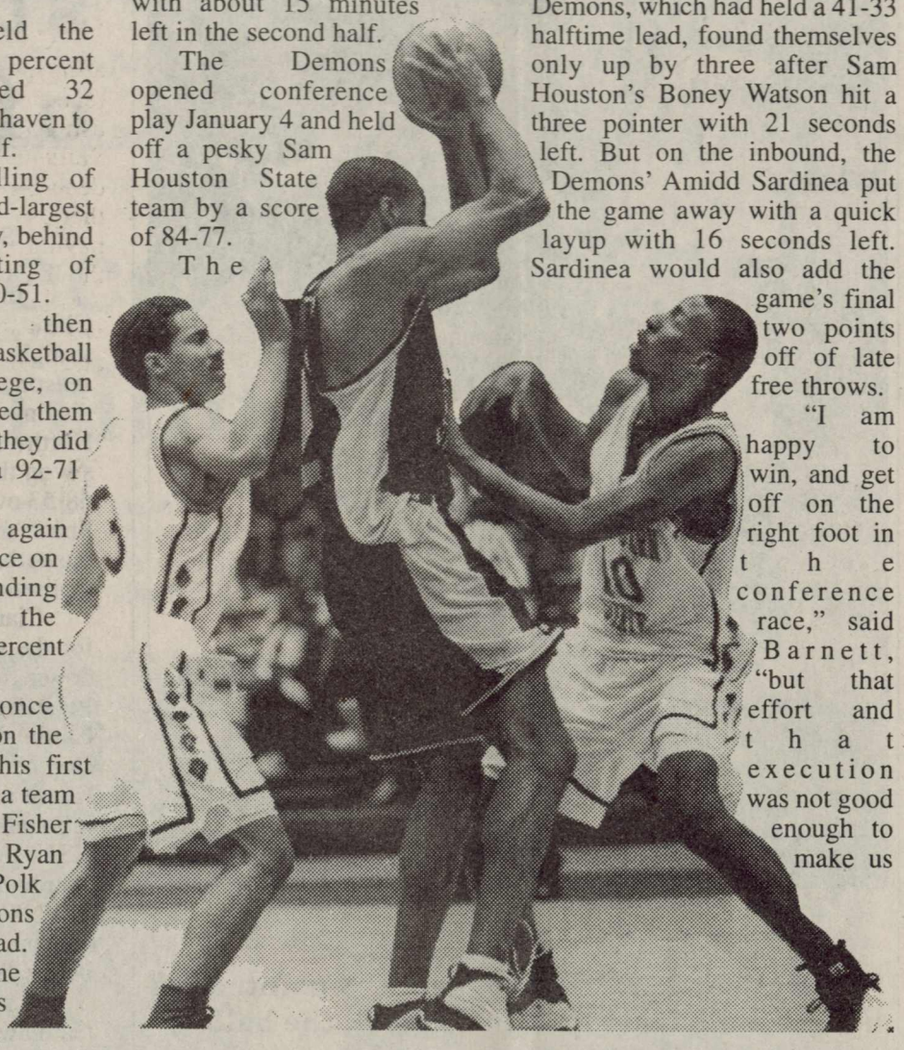
The Demons then welcomed its oldest basketball rival, Louisiana College, on December 30 and treated them to the same hospitality they did Belhaven, cruising to a 92-71 win over the Wildcats.

The Demons once again had a resounding presence on the boards, outrebounding L.C. 64-36 and held the Wildcats to only 36 percent shooting.

Richard Taylor once again did the damage on the offensive side, hitting his first seven shots and scoring a team high 22 points. Kenton Fisher had 12 points and both Ryan Duplesis and Alann Polk had 10 to help the Demons open a 54-35 halftime lead.

Before the game ended the lead was as high as 37 points, 72-39, with about 15 minutes left in the second half.

The Demons opened conference play January 4 and held off a pesky Sam Houston State team by a score of 84-77.



The Demons, which had held a 41-33 halftime lead, found themselves only up by three after Sam Houston's Boney Watson hit a three pointer with 21 seconds left. But on the inbound, the Demons' Amidd Sardinea put the game away with a quick layup with 16 seconds left. Sardinea would also add the game's final two points off of late free throws.

"I am happy to win, and get off on the right foot in the conference race," said Barnett, "but that effort and that execution was not good enough to make us competitive for the conference title. We have to get better, and we will see that in our next two games."

Barnett and the Demons did see better in its next game against McNeese, but unfortunately on were also the wrong end of a 69-63 loss to the Cowboys on January 8.

The Demons' strategy of shutting down McNeese's top scorer Demond Mallet worked, but in doing so left a 6-6 Adrian Floyd to score a career-high 30 points and lead the Cowboys, who were down 54-48 with 6:46 left in the game, past a Demon team that gave up 11 points and went scoreless in the final four minutes of play.

Even the stellar play of guard Allan Polk, who also had a career-high 20 points, nor the 12 points and 8 rebounds from Amidd Sardinea could give the Demons this victory.

"We shut Mallet down. He was a non-factor," said Barnett. "But we let Floyd run wild under the basket."

The Demons decided to take their aggressions out on Lamar College Saturday with a 79-60 win.

Lamar, who was picked to finish fourth in the SLC, was coming off a loss to Northeast Louisiana on Thursday and had lost two straight prior to that.

The Demons used a 19-0 run around halftime to go ahead 35-31 at the half.

It was a great game for junior guard Brent Shropshire, who made a school-record 10 for 10 from the free-throw line and also had a career-best 24 points.

The Demons as a team also had a great day from the line, sinking a season-best 86 percent (25-29) from the free-throw line.

Burks grabbed 10 rebounds and scored 11 points for his third double-double in five games.

"There's not a coach in America who is more proud of his team today than I am of this group," said Barnett. "We played exceptionally hard and beat a very, very talented basketball team."

The Demons take a trip to Texas Arlington and Stephen F. Austin on Thursday and Saturday before hosting Nicholls State in a Southland conference doubleheader on January 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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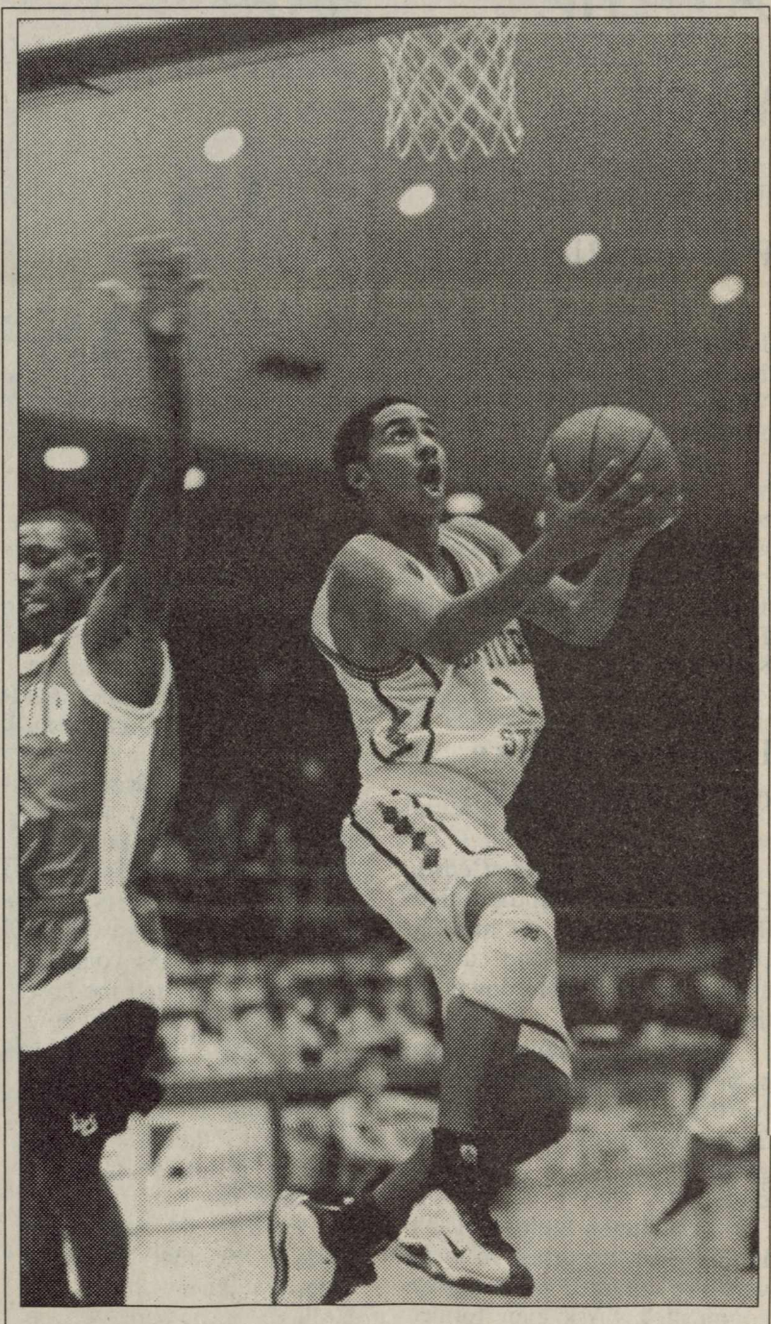
Alann Polk tries to breakaway from a Lamar University player, so he can shoot the ball.



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Ryan Duplessis attempta a layup during Saturday's 79-60 slamming of Lamar.

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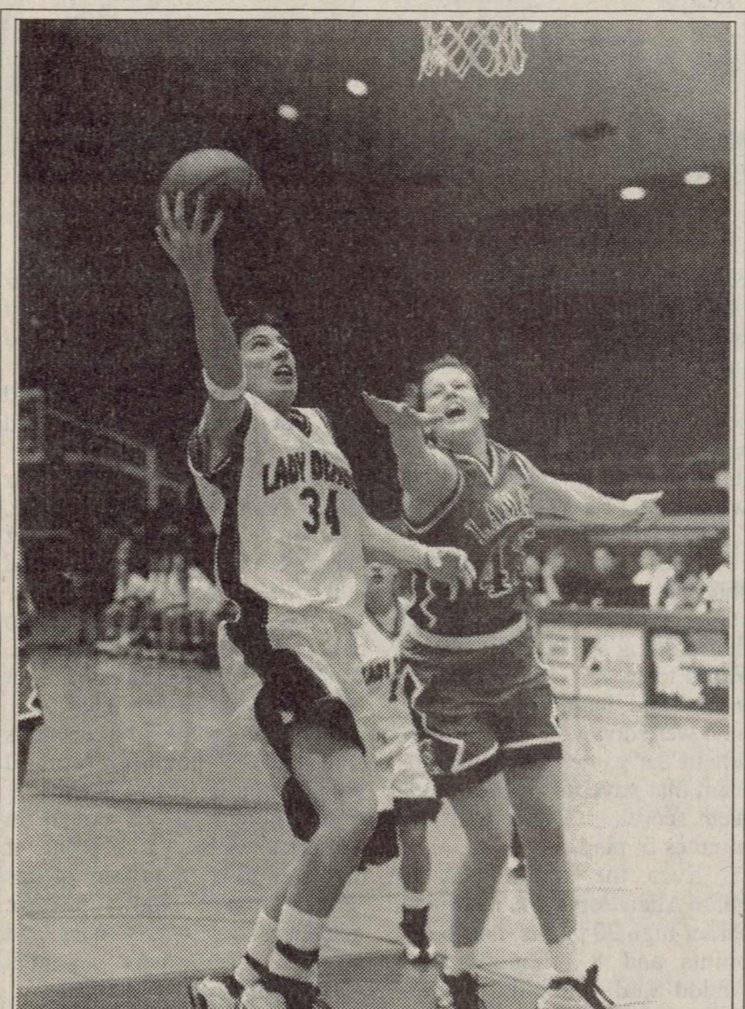

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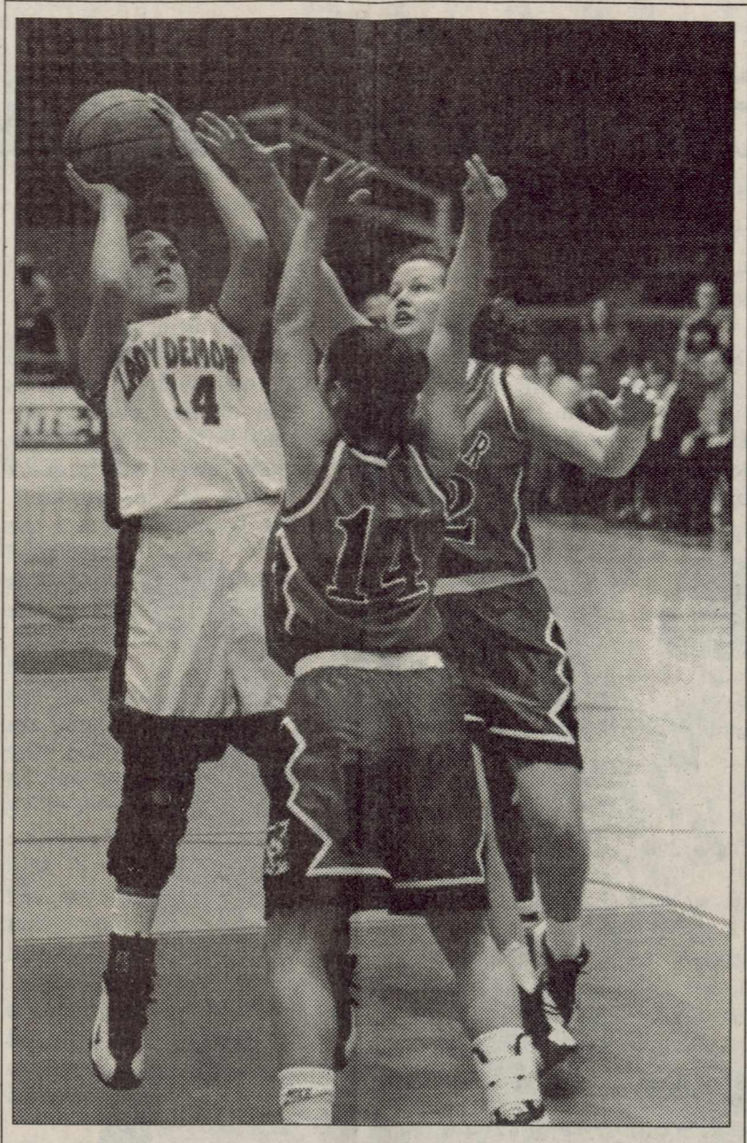
Judy Clark stretches for the rebound in the 76-58 victory over the Lamar Lady Cardinals.



News Bureau

Sonya Bearden tries to get a 3-pointer off before some Lady Cardinals block the ball.

Women's basketball starts season off right

Sports Information

Junior point guard Judy Clark recorded her second straight double-double scoring a season high 26 points and dishing out 10 assists as the Northwestern State Lady Demon s won their fourth straight game 68-53 over the Lady Cardinals in Southland Conference women's basketball action at Prather Coliseum Saturday afternoon.

Clark, who made 9-18 shots for the game, continously broke down the defense with Dribble Penetration as the Lady Cardinals could fine no one to stop her. Senior Forward Louise Chase added 12 points and nine rebounds in the winning effort as NSU improved to 8-3 on the year and 3-0 in conference.

NSU, which led 37-24 at halftime, stretched the lead to 17 points in the second half, but coudl not put a pesky Lamar team away.

" It frustrated me that we would get up 17 or 18 points and could not put them away due to some defensive breakdowns," Lady Demon head coach James Smith said. " Lamar came in and played extremely hard like we knew they would. I guess a wounded panther fights harder than a fat one."

Lamar forward Talia Goudy, who ranks second in the Southland Conference in scoring and rebounding, led the Lady Cardinals with 15 points.

Sonya Bearden and Judy Clark combined for 26 points in the second half as the Northwestern State Lady Demons (7-3, 2-0 in the SLC) came on strong to cruise to a 76-58 win over the McNeese State Cowgirls (8-4, 3-1) in Southland Conference play Thursday evening at Lake Charles.

With 17:21 remaining in the game and the Lady Demons up 45-35, starters Louise Chase and Kia Converse headed to the bench due to foul trouble. Clark, who finished the contest with 15 points and a season-high 11 assists, scored nine of the next 13 points for NSU to push the lead to 57-43.

Bearden, who finished with 18 points including 4-for-5 from the three-point line, scored eight of the next 13 points for Northwestern pushing the lead to 70-51 with 4:37 left and basically putting the game out of reach for the Cowgirls. Converse led the Lady Demons with 20 points, 16 which came in the first half and staked the victors a 36-32 half-time lead.

McNeese State, which dropped its first conference game of the season, was led by Sarah Hale's 13 points. Stacie Davis added 12 points in the losing effort.

At the wire...

From News Reports

Where's Michael

With the NBA Lockout drawing to a close, one question that lurk in the minds of fans is "What is Michael Jordan planning to do?"

The Chicago Bulls will begin offering daily updates on everything from Jordan schedule.

The Bulls have four players under contract --Ron Harper, Toni Kukoc, Randu Brown and Keith Booth.

Dempsey dislike college gambling

NCAA president Cedric Dempsey told Sunday that illegal gambling is hurting college athletics and urged unverisities to buckle down on the problem.

Alluding to point-shaving scandals in basketball at Northwestern and Arizona State, Dempsey said illegal gambling is not a victimless crime.

"Ask Stevin Smith or Dion Lee if What happened to them was a game," Dempsey commented. "Ask their former universities if they feel victimized. Ask other student-athletes who competed with Msith or Lee if they have been made to feel guilty by association."

Lee plead guilty to attempting to fix three Northwestern basketball games in 1995 in exchange for money. Smith the No. 2 all-time lead scorer in Arizona State school history, is awaiting sentencing for his role in a 1994 point-shaving scheme.

Rhodes has chance at Green Bay

Former assistant coach and Philadelphia Eagles head coach Ray Rhodes might have a chance to fill Mike Holmgren head coaching job at the Green Bay Packers.

Rhodes, 48, was the defensive coordinator of the Packers under Holmgren in 1992 and 1993 before taking the position in Philadelphia.

In his veins

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

For Demon forward Richard Taylor, basketball has been in his family since childhood.

" I started off playing at 5 and 6 with my uncles and cousins," Taylor commented. ""Ever since then, I have been playing basketball competitvely."

Taylor, a East Tallassee, Ala. native, credits his father for pushing him in basketball.

""When I was younger, everyone would tell me how high he could jump and how well he could shoot," Taylor claimed. " When I heard people talk about me father like that, then I started wanting people to treat me the same way."

Taylor, a swingman, came to Northwestern State from Faulkner Communtiy College where he accumulated 18 points , nine rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals per game.

Taylor lead all Alabama junior college players ion steals and and ranking in the Top 10 in scoring. He nailed more than 70 percents of his free throws, leading the state in trips to the line.

As a Demon Taylor has had foru scoring highs (25, 15, 17, 20) during this season. He has a 51 percent aim from the field and a 64 percent aim for the charity stripe.

Despite looking at Alabama Birmingham and Mortheast Louisiana, Taylor chose NSU because of head coach J.D. Barnett honesty.

"When coach Barnett was recruiting me he was straight up," Taylor noted. "He told me that I would have to work hard, and I like that in a coach. This is a very nice school with nice people in it."

Four NSU football players make All-American team

Sports Information

Senior cornerback Jermaine Jones has completed a sweep of first-team honors on every Division I-AA All-America team, while Northwestern State teammates Robert Daniel, Mike Funches andMike Green have also picked up All-America honors announced this week.

They were among the standouts as the Demons (11-3) won the Southland Football League championship, reached the I-AA playoff semifinals and finished with a No. 3 national ranking, the highest final I-AA rating in school history.

Jones was among 24 players elected to the Walter Camp I-AA All-America Team. He was a first-team pick on the Football Gazette All-America Team and the publication named him its I-AA Defensive Back of the Year.

Earlier, Jones was named to the Burger King Coaches All-America Team, and was a first-team pick on All-America teams released by theAssociated Press, the Sports Network, and ESPN/USA Today.

Green, a junior safety from Ruston, was a second-team All-America pick by the Football Gazette, earning his first career All-America award.

Funches, a senior offensive tackle, made the Football Gazette's honorable mention All-America list as did Daniel, a senior defensive end.

Daniel (6-6, 273) earlier won All-America honors from AP, the SportsNetwork and ESPN/USA Today. He will play in the nationally-televised East-West Shrine Classic All-Star Game Jan. 17, along with many othertop professional prospects.

A CBS Online projection lists Daniel as the 46th-best player eligible forthe 1999 NFL Draft.

Jones (5-8, 180), a Morgan City-Central Catholic product, was the runner-up in voting for the Buck Buchanan Award given to the defensive player of the year in Division I-AA.

Conference coaches selected him as the Southland Football League Player of the Year, making Jones the first defensive recipient of that award since its inception in 1994. State media voted him the Louisiana Collegiate Defensive Player of the Year.

Jones had 5 return TDs, 6 interceptions, 25 pass breakups and 68 tackles.

He won three national player of the week awards, two for defensive performances in wins over nationally-ranked Southern and McNeese, and one for special teams play in a win over Sam Houston.

Along with the touchdowns he scored, Jones made five touchdown-saving plays. Jones led I-AA in interception return yards (233). He set NSU single-season and career records (45) for pass breakups.

Green (6-0, 167) was second on the team with 143 tackles and 14 pass breakups. He led the Demons with two blocked kicks, intercepted two passes, recovered a fumble and had four tackles for lost yards.

Funches (6-2, 290), a native of Pascagoula, Miss., and a product of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, led the Demon offensive line inthe regular season with 36 knockdown blocks. He helped spearhead aNorthwestern offense which averaged 405 yards per game and set a single-season school scoring record.

Daniel finished with a team-high 14 tackles for lost yards (minus 65) and led the Demons with 8 quarterback sacks (minus 48 yards). The Dallas-Spruce product made 68 tackles, a career high, and also led the team with 4 forced fumbles.

Student Athlete of the Week

Brent Shropshire
Basketball

The junior guard scored a career high 24 points to lead the Demons in a 79-60 upset over the Lamar Cardinals. Shropshire had a 100 percent aim, hitting 10 of 10 free throws. Shropshire help better the team record to 5-6 and 2-1 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Basketball
Nicholls State
January 21@7:30 p.m.

Student Athlete of the Week

Judy Clark
Women's Basketball

The junior guard scored 26 points to aid the Lady Demon in a 68-53 victory over the Lamar Lady Cardinals. Clark also snagged 10 assists to give her her second double-double of the season. The Lady Demon moved to 8-3 and 3-0 in conference.

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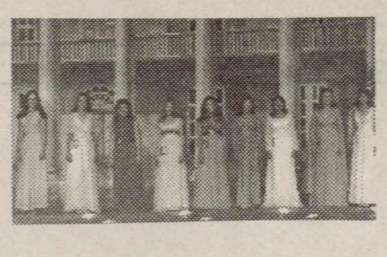

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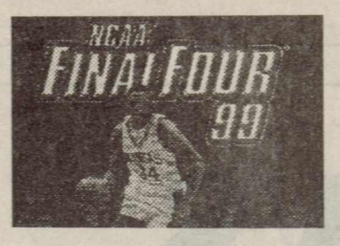

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University receives largest private donation in history

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Students in the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts will have the chance to receive greater scholarships thanks to one private donation.

The University received a gift of more than $600,000 from the estate of Alice E. Dear of Alexandria.

The gift will be used to provide scholarships for students in the Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

The department was named in honor of the Dears in 1994 when Alice E. Dear originally agreed to make the gift to the University. Dear died last year.

A judgment of possession from Dear's estate was presented Monday in the President's Office.

Attending the presentation were University President Randall J. Webb, Tony Gustwick, director of Institutional Advancement and Bill Brent, head of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

"We sincerely appreciate this," Webb said of the donation. "This is the largest gift ever given to Northwestern State University, which makes it all that more prominent that we're here today to honor these two fine ladies."

Webb pointed out the fact that neither of the Dears attended the University but had a special relationship with people associated with the music program.

"They recognized Northwestern offers a first-class music program, and that this institution has played a prominent role in educating students in Louisiana and beyond," Webb said of the Dears.

"I hope alumni and other friends of Northwestern will join us at the University in cherishing the memories of these thoughtful ladies."

Dear was a graduate of Leesville High School and went on to teach subjects such as English and music in Rapides Parish for 35 years.

Brent said the donation will make it possible for the University to attract "some of the very finest string and keyboard musicians" in Louisiana and surrounding states as well as provide greater amounts of scholarships.

Northwestern Alumni Karl Moore, who was the Dears' neighbor, said both women were dedicated to promoting education.

"She and her mother were very dedicated to music," Moore said. "They had a bondage to Northwestern and loved the University. She [Alice Dear] was a very, very dedicated lady to education."

The Dear family lived in Vernon and Rapides Parishes. They came to Vernon Parish with the Gulf Lumber Co. and settled in Fullerton.

Mrs. Dear, a Georgia native, was a prominent music teacher for many years. She was a graduate of the Meridian Conservatory of Music and studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

In 1976, University President Arnold Kilpatrick awarded Mrs. Dear the NSU Service Award at the annual Christmas Gala. The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established in the Department of Creative and Performing Arts in 1987.

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University President Randall J. Webb is presented a judgment of possession from the estate of Alice E. Dear in a gift of more than $600,000, which will be used to provide scholarships to students in the Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

Letter questions the University's Excel program

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Patrick Taylor, a New Orleans businessman, questioned Northwestern's continual support of remedial programs in a letter to the editor in the Oct. 24, 1998 edition of The Town Talk and the Nov. 12, 1998 edition of The Times-Picayune. The letters addressed the effects of the open admissions policy and the message it sends to potential students.

"NSU's continued adherence to its open admissions policy sends a message to all students that no special preparation is necessary for college," Taylor stated. "A significant number, as a direct result, do not take the proper courses...Tragically, only one in five of these potentially successful students will ever graduate."

The letter was a response to the University's new EXCEL program. The program provides remedial classes for students depending on their ACT scores in certain subject areas. Taylor urged the adoption of a admissions standards minimum similar to that of LSU's. Under such a program, students will have to complete a 17 and a half credit core curriculum for admittance to the University.

President Randall Webb did not have a response to the letter. He did say, however, sometimes it is better not to respond to situations as these. As a result of the letter, a dialogue has been established

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Changes in financial aid office offer improvements

Donald Gervais
Staff Reporter

An interim director, a new position of Coordinator of Client Services and an upcoming change in office location are some of the ways that the Office of Student Financial Aid is undertaking to improve financial services at the University.

These are but a few of the changes at the universityís the Office of Student Financial Aid according to Assistant Director Kenn Posey.

"These are some of the changes we are making to become more aware of the needs of the students and to be better able to meet those needs," Posey said.

Robert Crew has been assigned as Interim Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Crew replaced Gil Gilson as director of Student Financial Aid. Gilson has left the main campus but no one in the Student Financial Aid office would

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University crime only responsible for small part of community problems

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

The latest statistics released reveal that the amount of crimes committed on campus is lower than most other college campuses.

The 1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report revealed there was a total of 1,655 reported incidents of crime in Natchitoches and 121 of those crimes were on campus. This statistic leaves the university responsible for only 7 percent of the crime in the city of Natchitoches.

Northwestern was tied with both Nicholls State University and Southeastern Louisiana University as having the lowest crime rates out of the eight Louisiana State schools who reported information to the crime report.

The university was also ranked fourth nationally with having the lowest crime rate when compared with other universities that contain similar enrollment. The University of Southern Maine, University of Central Arkansas, and Sequoia College of California rounded out the top three.

"Every University has the same problems," University Chief of Police Rickie Williams said. "Any university no matter how big all had the same crime problems."

The report also showed the crime committed the most on campus is Theft.

Williams also said that students can stop crime by simply locking their doors and following basic safety procedures. The University Police offer a number of pamphlets with information about safety precautions and crime prevention for every one to follow. Chief Williams hopes by educating students about crime, the university's crime rate will decrease even lower.

End to road work uncertain

Josh Beavers
Staff Reporter

There is little, if anything, that faculty, staff and students all agree about on campus.

However, there may be one thing. It seems as if most people are tired of the never ending street repair taking place on Sam Sibley Drive and Caspari Street.

What began as a well intentioned and somewhat well accepted project last summer to repair the two before mentioned streets has turned into a sore subject for most people at the university.

"The construction has been frustrating for the whole university," NSU President Randall J. Webb said. "We try to create an environment in which we serve faculty, staff, students and guests to our campus and make it a pleasing place to travel through. Unfortunately that has not been the case lately."

Many people have expressed frustration over the project and are ready for the work to end. However, many people do not even know why the construction is taking place.

The project goes back a few years in planning and has several phases. First, a drainage problem in front of Kyser Hall had to be fixed. That was taken care of in a reasonable amount of time.

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Vehicles such as these are having to use extreme caution when driving on campus due to prolonged road construction.

A new surface had to be laid down on portions of the two streets. But it's not that simple; one of the problems is that other times the two streets were paved it was done in an unsatisfactory manner therefore creating some unevenness and causing the road crews to be delayed.

Along with the new surface, the University had to meet the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act. That is the reason for the raised portions in the streets that are laced with potholes.

Eventually, the potholes will be gone and the raised portions will be made into crosswalks and bricked. Along with this, the sidewalks have been slanted at downward angles and the curbs have been removed. All of this is a good thing and will help any disabled individual on campus.

So, what is the holdup? Well along with bad weather there were two separate contracts, one for the drainage which has been completed, and one for the roads.

"Once you have hired the contractors to do a job they have a certain amount of days to finish," Vice President of University Affairs John E. Winston said. "They can take up

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Gail Jones resigns

Kelle Head
Staff Reporter

Gail Jones, director of New Student Programs, officially resigned Friday to become the director of the Boys and Girls Club.

Chris Maggio, director of enrollment services, said the University will be saddened by the loss of Jones as a member of the faculty.

"The loss for NSU will be a gain for the Natchitoches Boys and Girls Club,"

Chris Maggio, director of enrollment services.

"The loss for NSU will be a gain for the Natchitoches Boys and Girls Club," Maggio said.

Reatha Cox, current director of Greek Life, will serve as the director of New Student Programs on an interim basis. Cox will continue her role as greek advisor while serving as director of New Student Programs.

Cox's duties will include directing Freshmen Connection and other orientation programs. Admissions personnel will assist Cox in these programs, including recruiter Martha Hooper.

Maggio is enthusiastic about Cox serving as director of New Student Programs. He said the University will announce the available position by the end of the month. At that time, applications will be accepted and the position will be filled.

Current Freshmen Connectors are excited about Cox's new position.

Connector Allison Nunley believes Cox will be an asset to the program.

"Reatha's outgoing attitude will be beneficial to the orientation program," Nunley said."

While students and faculty are saddened by the loss of Jones as a faculty member, many feel confident of Cox's ability to serve as director of New Student Programs.

"Reatha Cox is already familiar with organizations and activities on campus," Nunley said.

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Students and faculty are trying to adjust to construction taking place on many parts of campus.

Open Rush set to begin this week

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Open Rush begins this week for all participating fraternities.

The two-week schedule of Greek events begins with informal get-togethers during this week's "get to know" period.

A barbecue and social gathering, compliments of the Kappa Alpha Order, are among many of the events taking place during Open Rush this week.

Brochures will be given out as well as details the fraternities and all of the pledges' questions will be answered at each fraternity's social gathering session.

Erik Coplin, active member of the Kappa Alpha Order, emphasized that the first week of rush provides a pressure-free atmosphere for both pledges and members.

"Pledges are not committed and neither are we," Coplin said.

Fraternal commitments will be made by next week's pledge-in date.

"We encourage anyone interested in Greek life, whether it is their first or fourth time rushing, to give it a try," John Michael McConnell, president of the Inter Fraternity Council, said.

To become an active member of a fraternity, one must be a full-time student and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Sampite reflects on five terms as mayor

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The University has been the heart and soul of Natchitoches for many years.

The town has thrived by working together to make this small community a great place to live, work and even be named one of the top 6 places to retire in the United States. It was even named Model City For The South by the Shreveport Times.

"My number one goal and my slogan for this year is 'Come back home'," Mayor Joe Sampite said. "We want everyone who has grown up in Natchitoches, if they want to come home, that we have jobs waiting for them."

Sampite wants his community to know he is trying to improve the quality of life. He wants to keep Natchitoches a safe place to live, as well as a well-informed and educated community. He believes the University is the key to this.

"Northwestern gives us that voluntarily in every segment of the community," Sampite said.

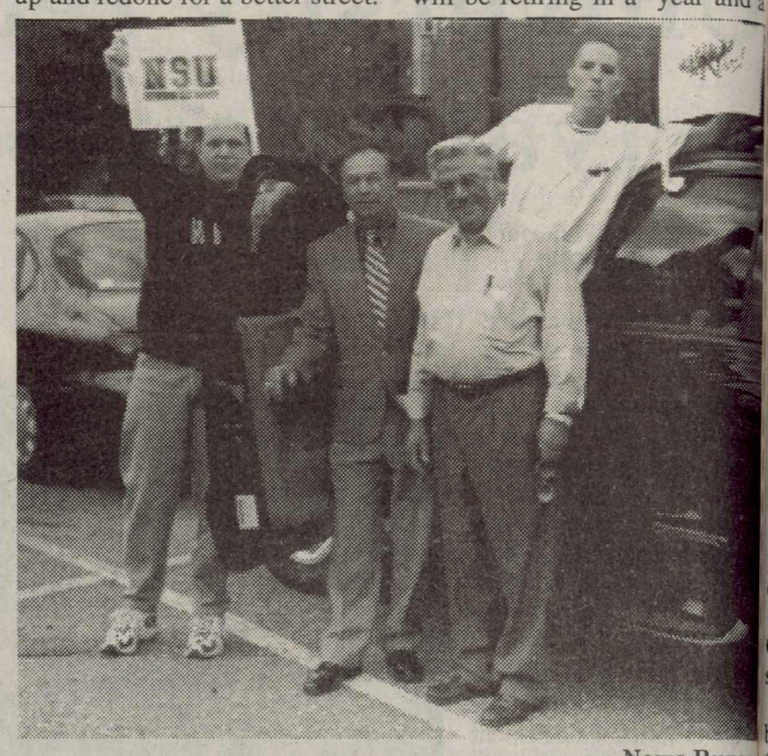
He believes education is the key to the community. Since Natchitoches is a growing community, Sampite wants more homes and apartments built to satisfy the needs of Natchitoches.

Construction is going on at present on Keyser Avenue to make the roads bigger for this growing town. There are many more jobs to be found in Natchitoches. For example, Con Agra, once finished with their goal will increase 25 percent of their total program in addition to 25 jobs. Their plant will be expanded for that much.

Some of the new buildings planned are two more banks, a new television station, a new Stine's Lumber Company, convention center and a new Martin Luther King Recreation Center. Front Street will also be renovated and the bricks pulled up and redone for a better street.

Sampite believes the University helps Natchitoches in every way for things like the Christmas Festival such as helping to raise money for the fireworks and getting bands to play in the parades.

"This is my fifth and final term as mayor of Natchitoches. I will be retiring in a year and a



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Mayor Joe Sampite (wearing tie) has always been a supporter of the University as seen here with Kevin Brough, (left) state Rep. Jimmy Long (middle) Rhett Fitzgerald (right).

"We are also very blessed to have so many volunteers for the recreational programs like basketball and soccer. The challenge that I see for tomorrow is traffic because of other things we're doing and our expansion," Sampite said.

half. I've never worked with finer group of people than wi the people of Northwestern a Natchitoches. If it wasn't f Northwestern, we wouldn't ha this quality," Sampite said.

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every single day of the time and there is not much we can do about that. But we try to encourage them to finish in as timely a fashion as possible and that is about all we can do unless they go over their allotted amount of time."

If they do go over the allotted time frame, they are subject to unspecified penalties.

Until the work is done what is the University supposed to do? Some vehicles have been damaged due to the work. If that has happened, file a report with the University Police. Once a report is filed, the University police send it to the office of Risk Management. This office then decides who is at fault, the University or the contractors.

"My opinion is that it should be them (contractors) who pay," University Police Chief Rickie Williams said. "Because they're the ones that created all of the holes, not us."

So what is left to do? Well the drainage problem is fixed and the sidewalks look good. All that remains is a little work in front of Kyser Hall and the crosswalks.

Before both projects can be finished the weather has to clear up and a special team of workers has to come from Dallas to put in the bricks.

Interested in writing for *The Current Sauce?* If so, stop by room 225 in Kyser Hall every Tuesday at 2 p.m. Remember, writers get paid for their work.

Natchitoches Police union seeking to improve community

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

Since receiving their charter in June, the Natchitoches Police Officers' Association has been busy trying to formulate an agenda.

According to the union's constitutional bi-laws, some of the goals of the union are to upgrade local law enforcement, to promote respect for local law enforcement officers, and to promote the well-being of all police officers and any other employee of the Natchitoches Police Department.

Other objectives of the union are to give a voice to officers' concerns, to eventually represent every member in the department, to achieve a pay scale that is comparable to other cities about the size of Natchitoches, and to be able to, "voice our concerns as one voice," Scott Yarnell, Financial Secretary for the union, said.

The union will help with the transition the police department is facing since it has nearly doubled in its manpower. It will also help to work with the community, and it can endorse political candidates.

One fear that Yarnell wishes to put to rest is that of strikes. According to federal laws, neither police nor firefighters can strike. The union was established to work in conjunction with other agencies.

The executive positions are held for two years, and due to the beliefs of the members they are not paid.

"You're in there for the Union," Yarnell said. "You're in there for the people."

One effect that students will see due to the union is a greater sense of professionalism, Yarnell said. The union also has expressed interest in publishing safety tips in a bi-monthly article in the Current Sauce.

"There are many things we could do with the union positively," said Yarnell.

However, University Chi of Police Rickie Willia believes that there will be ve little good done by the uni because of its size, and the si of Natchitoches. He admits n knowing about the new uni and their goals, but is not favor of unions in general.

"I don't like any unions Williams said.

While the union mig achieve the goal of getting th officers paid to the average other cities approximately th size of Natchitoches, he does n believe they will ever receiv pay over that, once again due the size of the city.

Williams also said that whil the union members can n strike, they might come dow with the "blue flu" like man unions members in larger cities So, while it might be illegal fo police to strike, there is nothin prohibiting them from calling i sick.

University Police offer safety tips

University Police

According to information published from University Police, there is no absolute protection from crime.

However, increased awareness of crime prevention techniques can help decrease the possibility of crime occurring.

Police state there is a large number of residence hall thefts that occur from unlocked rooms while residents are out of the room on the same floore or even if they step out for only one minute.

It takes approximately eight seconds for someone to walk into an unattended room and remove something, such as a purse or jewelry.

Police suggest residents lock their doors, even if they are only going to the bathroom or to the room next door. Residents should lock their doors when in their room, especially when asleep.

People should try to take showers only when there are other residents on the floor. Never let strangers into a room.

Residents should also never prop open residence hall doors that are supposed to be locked.

All crimes should be reported to University security as soon as possible.

Columns residents confused about meal plan

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

Residents of the University Columns are confused over the Columns meal plan.

Some residents think that all Columns residents are required to have this meal plan, while others believe it to be optional.

The state Board of Regents mandates that all University residents have a meal plan.

Frances Conine, director of Auxiliary Services, points out that, although the Columns has many benefits of living off campus, the Board of Regents, nonetheless, views the Columns as living on campus.

"My goal with the meal plan is to get them more involved on campus," Conine said.

"The impression I'm under is that I have to have a meal plan living here," said James Creswell, a junior hospitality management and tourism major.

Some residents thought that paying for a kitchen exempted them from the meal plan.

"[I was told that] just because you have a kitchen isn't a good enough reason not to have a meal plan," Creswell said. "I don't think that it's very fair to have to have a meal plan if you have a kitchen."

"I have the list that I must go by to exempt everyone," Conine said.

Others, such as Jamie Seal, a sophomore business administration major, are under the impression that the meal plan is a requirement for freshmen only.

"They're looking out for your well being," Seal said. "This way they make sure that you have the option to eat."

The University requires freshmen to purchase a meal plan from Iberville, which guarantees a certain number of meals each week, as opposed to a declining balance.

"Freshmen have to eat in Iberville. They have a specified meal plan. They can't [mess up]," Creswell said.

The Columns meal plan, $385 declining balance, wa begun in the fall of 1998.

"It was a reasonabl compromise because the have a kitchen," Conine said. Conine stresses that th Columns meal plan is onl one more option available t Columns residents. Man residents purchase larger mea plans.

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LSU Prof. sues over alleged spanking

BATON ROUGE -- According to a lawsuit, an associate dean of communications at LSU pulled a colleague onto his lap and spanked her while another associate dean laughed.

Diane H. Piper filed a lawsuit claiming Richard Nelson spanked her Jan. 12 while talking to him and Ron Garay about a chance to lecture at Indiana University for a year.

Piper, who is in her second year at LSU, claimed the conversation turned ugly when she talked about how long she would be gone from the Manship School of Mass Communication.

The lawsuit alleged Nelson chanted "You are a bad girl!" while spanking her, and Garay "sat idly by, watching and laughing."

2 drug arrests reported in area

NATCHITOCHES -- The Natchitoches Multi Jurisdictional Drug Task Force and Patrol Division arrested two people this week on unrelated drug charges.

Dustin B. Messick, 24, of Campti was arrested after being stopped for speeding.

Authorities said a substance believed to be marijuana was found on Messick and in his vehicle. He also was allegedly caught trying to destroy suspected contraband. Juveniles were riding in the vehicle.

Messick was taken to the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center and charged with one count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, one count of possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone, one count of contributing to the delinquency of junveniles and one count of obstruction of justice. He was also issued three traffic tickets.

In the other case, deputies arrested Pauline C. Carroll, 37, of Natchitoches on one count of forged prescription.

Her arrest came after a pharmacist alerted officers of a possible forged prescription. Carroll left the store but was later caught after a deputy obtained an arrest warrant.

5 arrests made in Vernon Parish

LEESVILLE -- Five people were arrested on unrelated charges this week after investigations by the Vernon Parish Sheriff Office's Criminal Division.

Dan Laird, 29, of Oakdale was arrested on Wednesday on the charge of crime against nature. He allegedly propositioned someone who had been a patient of his in Alexandria. He was released on a $15,000 bond.

Keith Hernandez, 17, of Anacoco was arrested on Tuesday and charged with one count of simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling and felony theft.

The charges stem from an investigation into the burglary of a home on La. Highway 468. He was released on $22,500 bond.

John T. Bradshaw, 33, of Fort Polk was arrested Tuesday following an investigation of allegations of stalking. He was released on $5,000 bond.

Wanda Hickman, 27, of DeRidder was arrested on Wednesday in connection with an investigation into several alleged forgery cases. She was released on $15,000 bond.

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comment on where he has gone or why. Crew will fill the post until it is permanently filled.

"The position for the new director is expected to be posted soon," Posey said.

Posey said there is a possibility the Fiancial Aid Office could move to a more central location this semester.

"The University administration has worked hard to help us find relief from the present cramped office," Posey. said. "The new location will be more centrally located to be convenient to the students. The move will be done at a time and manner to be the least convenient to the students."

An additional change is the filling of the new position of Coordinator of Client Services.

"Mary Odem is filling the new position and comes to us with a human resource background," Posey said. "This is in keeping with our commitment to service for the students."

He added that the office would like to begin conducting regular seminars to help explain policies and procedures.

"Often the problems that students encounter occur because a breakdown in communication," he said. "The Office must follow federal, state and school policies and the students are not always aware of the restrictions we must follow."

Posey said students can save a lot of time by checking out the Financial Aid web site. This way, students can do many of the things that can be done in person such as finding out what the student is lacking in paperwork and the current statement of their account.

Many things that can be done in person
can be done over the web site including application,

The web site can be located at: http://www2.nsula.edu/ or call the Student Office of Financial Aid at (318) 357-5961.

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Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Weekly meetings are held Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: There are five positions available for representative at large. Applications should be turned in by noon Jan. 22 in the SAB office in room 214 of the Student Union. Elections will be held Jan. 26.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and you do not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion. We represent, but are not limited to, many paths such as Stegaheria, Celtic Reconstructionist Paganism, British Isles Shamanism and the Old Faery-Faith.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail Alastarm@hotmail.com.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Phi Mu: Phi Mu would like to welcome back all its members to a brand-new semester. We have many exchanges including Crush and Formal to look forward to this semester. Phi Mu also invites IFC and Panhellenic presidents and social chairs to a spring social planning meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Phi Mu house. Please contact April Burris at 352-3505 or Stacey Thompson at 356-7624 if you have any questions or conflicts. Sign up for your TKE/ Phi Mu exchange T-shirts on Wednesday.

Association of Information Technology Professionals: A meeting will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Natchitoches Room in Russell Hall. All CIS students are encouraged to attend.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

4th-week grading reports assess students' progress

1,100 students had failing grades in mulitple courses, but students are seeking help

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

In the fall, the University instituted a new program to monitor and assist students who struggfled academically at the four week mark of the semester.

"Through the reporting of early course grades in selected courses it was discovered that 2,500 students had D or F grades in at least one course at that time and an unduplicated 1,100 had D or F grades in multiple courses," Academic Adivising reported.

The Office of Academis Advising contacted these students with suggestions on ways to improve their academic situation.

"On a positive note many students did seek assistance and displayed concern over their academic situation at that time," according to a report from Academic Advising.

Academic Advising encouraged troubled students to turn to tutors, advisors, and labs, all of which are offered through the University.

"Even with the help of faculty volunteers, this task proved to be too large to manage successfully."

"Of the 1,100 Natchitoches campus students with multiple D or F grades only 520 reported for a meeting. This number is viewed by Academic Advising as a success due to the sheer size of the student population included in the pilot semester of the project"

"The project should be limited to only grades of F to provide a more manageable student population"

"The more students who can remain academically elligible for enrollment, the higher our potentially headcount for the upcomng semester. It is better to have students follow remedial prescriptions, fulfill prerequisites, and continue to matriculate"

"In all the Office of Academic Advising had a very positive experience with the 4th week grading project," Academic Advising reported.

Dr. Sue Weaver, dean of the General College, said a big thanks goes to all faculty and department heads who participated in the program.

"The initial results of the program indicate that fewer probations and suspensions were given this fall," Weaver said.

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between Taylor and Webb.

Carroll Falcon, acting president of the University of Louisiana System, did reply to Taylor's arguments.

"We agree with you on the need to minimize the teaching of remediated coursework in our state universities," Falcon stated. "Please be aware that Northwestern is typical of several universities within our System which continue to operate in accordance with their respective mission statements as 'open admission' institutions."

Falcon went on to say, "As more communtiy colleges are developed in Louisiana, universities will be encouraged to move towards selective admissions. Within this system, SLU and McNeese State University are considering adoption of some form of selective admissions that most likely will include the minimum core curriculum."

As of present, La. Tech University has this core which they adopted in 1992. In the fall of this year, USL will also implement a core curriculum plan.

Northwestern does not have plans at this time to institute a core curriculum plan in the near future.

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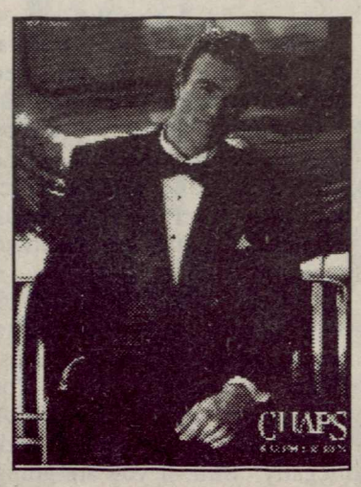

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I encourage student participation in the organization. You do not have to be an elected official to participate. I look forward to sharing our successes and need-to-know information with you.
Sincerely,
Luke Dowden, President
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Guest Faculty

Dr. Leann S. Sticker

"Herbal and Other Dietary Supplements: Buyer Beware"

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Would you take a medication that has not been scientifically shown to accomplish its claims or that has not been used in controlled studies to determine side effects?

Or, would you take a medication for which appropriate dosages or possible interactions with other substances (food/ medicines) have not been determined, or which may not even contain what is stated on the bottle?

Well, this is what the users of herbal and other dietary supplements may encounter. A dietary supplement is defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as any product taken by mouth that contains a so-called "dietary ingredient" and is clearly labeled "dietary supplement." Dietary supplements include vitamins, minerals, herbs, amino acids, enzymes, metabolites, hormones, etc.

The problem is that dietary supplements do NOT have to be approved by the FDA. The FDA's job is to ensure that the food we eat is safe and wholesome, that the cosmetics we use won't hurt us and that the medicines and medical devices we use are safe and effective.

The FDA even ensures that the food and medicines for our pets and farm animals are safe and effective. But the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA) provided that dietary supplements are no longer subject to pre-market safety evaluations that is required of all other dietary ingredients and medications.

Thus, dietary supplements do not have to undergo clinical studies to determine their effectiveness, safety, possible interactions with other substances, and appropriate dosages. No scientific research has to occur. What has happened is that DSHEA has created an unregulated industry and a population of guinea pigs. Anything relative to health/nutrition must be scientifically based, as opposed to testimonial (what you hear on the street). Be skeptical!! Do not immediately believe everything that you hear. And, be very careful when looking to the Internet for answers! A large percentage of Internet information is not scientifically based. Do not get your information from anyone who is associated with the sales of dietary supplements or the news media (TV, magazines, or the newspaper). More often that not, these sources do not provide scientifically based information. Go directly to the scientific literature (i.e. medical or nutritional journals) or refer to persons or organizations that report scientifically based information1. A good example of this dietary supplement misinformation was seen in our own Current Sauce (September 8, 1998). The article, "Weight Loss Possible", states that the FDA has approved Metabolift, which is a dietary supplement containing, among its ingredients, Ma Huang (AKA: ephedrine, ephedra, or epitonin). The FDA has not only NOT approved this dietary supplement, but has actually received over 900 reports of adverse side effects associated with ephedrine, among them being numerous deaths. In June 1997, the FDA released warnings to consumers about hazards associated with the use of dietary supplements containing ephedrine. Although there are many safe and effective dietary supplements, an increasing percentage of them are not safe and effective. Claims are usually baseless, side effects are usually not known or not reported, interactions with other supplements/foods/medicines are generally unknown, and the actual ingredients and amounts of the ingredients are highly inconsistent and variable. Indeed, it's up to you, the consumer, to conduct your own research before subjecting your body to any dietary supplement. So, buyer beware! Some scientifically based organizations/individuals:
www.eatright.org (American Dietetics Association)
www.fda.org (Food and Drug Administration)
www.ncahf.org (National Council Against Health Fraud)
www.healthcentral.com (Dr. Dean Edell)

From the Editor

Working on the newspaper is not an easy job. It takes a lot of time and dedication -- not to mention patience.

This semester, we're trying to do a few things differently. As you may or may not have noticed, we are trying to give readers news of happenings from other than the University or Natchitoches.

Since *The Current Sauce* may be the only newspaper students read the editorial staff decided to include news items from around the area, state and even the world. Hey, we figure you may as well learn something while reading this newspaper.

We do have one complaint, however, with you, the students. Since this is *your* newspaper, we should be hearing from you. Believe it or not, it's hard to come up with story ideas every week.

But you can do something about that. Did you or your friend suffer some unspeakable injustice on campus? Tell us about it. It might be something that other students need to know about.

Also, we welcome any suggestions. The newspaper's e-mail address can be found on this page. So, send us a message any time you have an idea or stop by room 225 in Kyser Hall.

We're also looking for columnists and letters to the editor. Does the entire student body not have an opinion? We're beginning to think so. Hey, you don't have to write about anything in particular. Letters can be used to complain about campus happening such as the never-ending road construction or national affairs such as that giant mess with President What's-his-name.

Faculty members, you're not off the hook either. We want to hear from you also. So, write down your thoughts and who knows, you may be published.

Student Government News & Notes

Luke Dowden
SGA President

Welcome back to those who survived the stressful fall semester. Here's a few news & notes about the issues and events surrounding your Student Government Association.

One problem that has recently been brought to the Student Government Association's attention must be addressed. Several handicapped students who registered with Disability Services on campus have complained that non-handicapped licensed vehicles continue to park in handicapped designated spaces. Last week, the University Traffic & Safety Committee meet to discuss this problem.

The committee decided that vehicles, parked in handicapped spaces without proper registration displayed, would be issued a city parking ticket in the amount of $50. Furthermore, the University Police will begin towing these improperly parked vehicles.

Those disabled students with proper registration and needs deserve those spaces. Hence, the reason for establishing such spaces. SGA encourages students to not park illegally. Still, if you are going to park illegally, please find somewhere else to do it. Do not park in handicapped parking spaces.

On another note, I realize that everyone remains puzzled about the construction in the middle of campus. I was told that weather conditions over the break prevented the contractors from completing the job. All complaints about the situation should be directed to the Physical Plant.

The first SGA meeting of the semester will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

There are four senator positions open this semester. If you are interested, please drop off a resume on my office door in room 222 in the Student Union. I plan to ask the Student Senate to approve my appointments next week.

Last Friday, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors (NSUís governing board) voted to allow Northwestern to issue, sell, and deliver revenue bonds for the W.R.A.C. (Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Complex). We still need volunteers to serve on the W.R.A.C Student Council. Please stop by the SGA office to sign up.

The last report to the SGA by the Physical Plant indicated that Northwestern remains on the February agenda of the Architect Selection Board. We should be able to complete the planning phase of the Wellness Center this semester upon receiving an architect at this February meeting.

The Student Government will host "Breakfast with the President" six times this semester. If anyone would like to have breakfast with President Webb to discuss problems or issues of the University, please contact the SGA office to be added to the invitation list. Hurry, the spots are filling up fast.

The Student Government Association wishes everyone a great spring semester. Remember, if you have any problems, please stop by our office in room 222 in the Student Union, e-mail us at HYPERLINK mailto:sga@alpha.nsula.edu sga@alpha.nsula.edu, or call the office at 357-4501. We will try to assist you.

TheCampus According to Casey

CASEY SHANNON

Ah, the inviting and familiar smells and sounds of spring semester- life on the campus of Northwestern State University.....The crisp tingle in your nose of January's crisp breath, the thin layer of ice that one of Jack Frost's cohorts leaves on your windshield to welcome in today, the frictitious sounds of blue jeans and leather jackets in motion as students make their way through the hoarfrost to the new semester's courses.

And now, we are able to add a few fresh lines to the year's introductory checklist.....the unavoidable gritting of the teeth as you come upon a six inch deep three foot wide stretch of the road that is missing, and the charismatic waving of the fist (and perhaps one of its more colorful extensions) as you realize that your campus parking plan of attack will be stopped short this morning as there is yet another stretch of the most central intersection on campus that has been barricaded in the name of smoother roads yet to come.

Due to a season of schizophrenic weather patterns and, perhaps some sub-par planing we are once again greeted this semester to a campus under construction.

Perhaps the powers that be got extremely jealous on a recent trip to Baton Rouge and decided that we should aspire to have similar commuting complications, or maybe all this really is in the name of progress.

Whatever the case may be, we are in it for the long haul. Therefore, I am compelled to quote my eighth grade wrestling coach for all who might be inclined to begin a long and drawn out yuckity-yuck over the current status quo, "Suck it up, or get of my mat (perhaps 'buy a bike' would be more appropriate in the present context, but that would be a misquote)."

We are "put out" a bit by this campus renovation, but the end result (though we may not be around to see it) should be one of beneficiality for the student body of NSU.

If You are interested in becoming a regular opinions columnist, call 357-5384 anytime for more information.

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp

A&E

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Natchitoches-born Child performs

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Some familiar faces returned to Natchitoches Saturday night to perform at Beaudion's Pizza Pub. Child, a.k.a. Hannah Vincent, performed songs from the album *Wide Eyed and Blind* with Dave Brouillette (bass), Doug Gay (drums) and Patrick Meff (guitar).

The combination of Brouillette, Gay and Meff from the local band Voodoo Grove and Vincent, known for her Natchitoches-born duo with Wendy Colonna, has yielded a sound that is bluesy with jazzy acoustics, alternately soothing and electric. Described as "roots rock" by Vincent, these musicians have a sound that is familiar, yet distinctly their own.

Playing for a packed house at Beaudion's, the band worked together to present a well-rehearsed but spontaneous and exciting act, evidence that they are comfortable with and complimentary of each other. These guys definitely love to make music.

Having played such venues as Tipitinas and the House of Blues, the band will perform Jan. 29 at Rick and Jack's and Feb. 11 at the Banks Street Bar and Grill in New Orleans.

Wide Eyed and Blind is a collection of songs written by Vincent under the name Child and put out by T P Records, with which Vincent is signed. Tracks on the CD range from energetic swing to soulful lullabies to folksy tunes. Vincent's vocal abilities become apparent as she expertly transforms from angelicism to ferocity as the music dictates. Copies of *Wide Eyed and Blind* are available at Natchitoches Music and Beaudion's Pizza Pub.

Vincent makes solo appearances at the Pujo Street Cafe' in Lake Charles and Neutral Ground in New Orleans.

Aside from their work with Child, Brouillette and Gay also pursue other projects. Brouillette's other projects include Acoustic Swiftness, the Down and Dirty Jazz Band and the ambient, gothic Cogent Woe, of which Gay is also a part. Gay plays with the Lake Charles-based Last Call and contributes bass to the local band Three Nutty Crackers.

Ani Di Franco goes *Up Up Up*

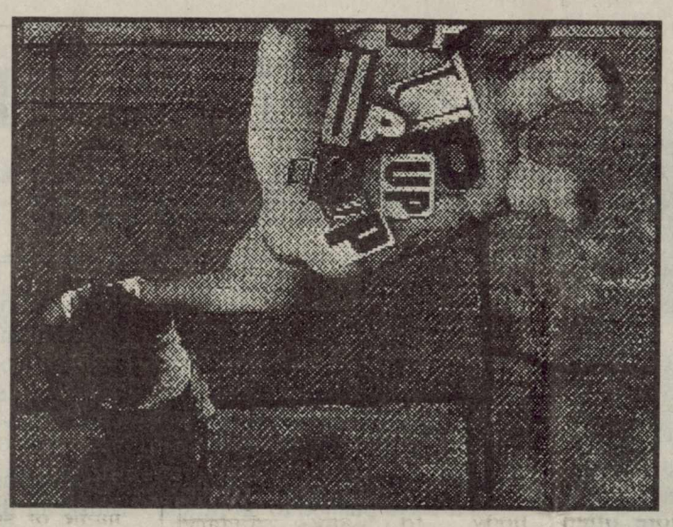
Mike Boyd
Staff Reporter

Ani Di Franco
Up Up Up Up Up Up
Righteous Babe Records

Fast on the heels of last years' *Little Plastic Castles*, Ani Di Franco has returned with a new collection of folk tunes to enlighten and entertain the masses. *Up Up Up Up Up Up* is the twelfth solo album from the 28 year old, Austin based, singer, songwriter and producer.

The new album is a step away from the highly personal quality of Di Franco's last two albums and a return to her more traditional folk roots.

This is also the first album with a fully formed band in the studio. The addition of Julie Wolf on keyboards along with Jason Mercer on the bass and Andy Stochansky on drums give Di Franco's music a much richer and more balanced sound, unlike albums in the past on which she played all or most of the instruments by herself.



The first track on the album, " 'Tis of Thee", is a look at the apathy of middle class Americans and the search for freedom from the point of view of a homeless person. " We'll never live long enough / to undo everything they've done to you".

The majority of the album follows the same path of taking a critical look at our society and life in our modern world.

"Everest" and the title track to the album, "Up Up Up Up Up Up", take two views on religion from innocence, " I think the singing went outside / and floated up to tell all the stars not to hide", to experience, " God's work isn't done by God / It's done by people".

One of the more personal songs on the album, "Angry Anymore", is a tribute to the struggle between parents and their children and reconciliation: " I just want you to understand / That I know what all the fighting was for".

The band shows how well they work together musically on the last track of the album which is an odd thirteen minute long jam session called "Hat Shaped Hat".

Ani Di Franco fans will be most pleased with her latest offering and if you've never experienced Ani before then now is an excellent time to do so.

A&E Briefs

Varsity Blues **was the top grossing movie at the box office this weekend at $14.3 million. This flick stars James Van Der Beek playing an Texas athlete in a football town.**

Last week's number one seller *A Civil Action* came in No. 2, grossing an estimated $10.9 million.

After an initial limited release, *The Thin Red Line*, a WWII epic, rose to the No. 3 position with $10.5 million in its first weekend of wide release.

New Video Rentals

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Pi

New Meaning of Pi

Amy Haney
A&E Editor

Pi
Artisan Entertainment

A movie about math? Well, yes, but before you start flashing back to college algebra, hear me out. *Pi* is an innovative indiefilm available for rental that has injected its writer Darren Aronofsky into the consciousness of the upper echelon of movie makers, winning the Director's Award at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival

Pi is the story of the genius mathematician Max Cohen (played by Sean Gullette) struggling to find order in the chaos of the stock exchange. He is obsessed with his search, turning his whole apartment into a supercomputer and sitting at it for hours at a time. Even when he's not at the monitor, he's reading papers, looking for patterns. He's close enough to have attracted the interest of a cut throat stock exchange executive and a Hebrew sect trying to break the code of the Kabbalah. What he's on the trail of is even bigger than anyone can imagine.

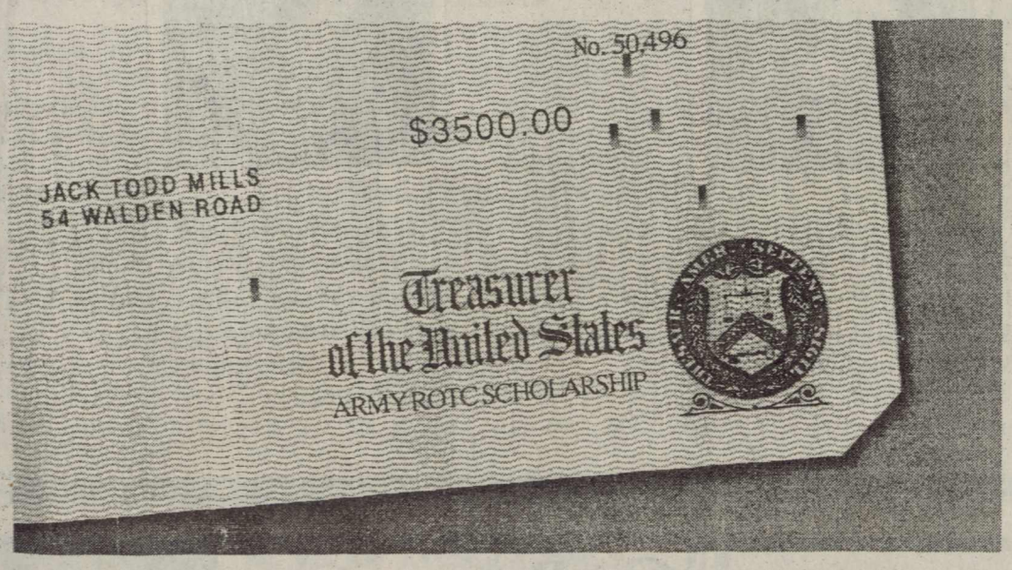
As he is pursued by these interests, Cohen is also dealing with intense mental breakdown. His rides on the subway, walks down the street, even looking into mirrors is a horrific experience for him and is communicated to the viewer with amazing rapid fire editing that entrances as it disturbs.

The musical score by former Pop Will Eat Itself's Clint Mansell contributes a pounding rhythm to the overall unease.

The camera work, combined with the high contrast black and white film, paints a dark portrait of Manhattan, where the movie takes place, and the mathematician's experiences within it.

As he gets closer to the code, his madness accelerates, racing against the speed of his understanding. There are moments in the movie when you think he's taking you down into his craziness with him. Hallucination and reality are inseparable.

Besides the awesome camera work, editing and acting, the script is incredibly intelligent. In a unique narrative form, math theory and numerology are partly explained for the layman to set the foundations for the earth shaking discovery that Cohen is on the verge of.



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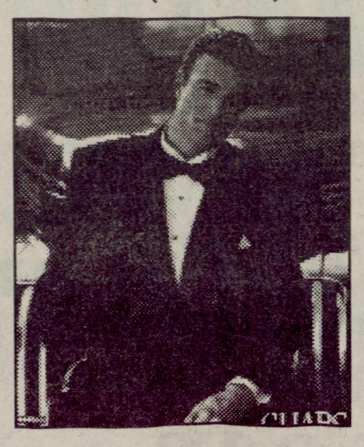

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Features

LOB: forty years of tradition

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

The 1999 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant will crown a new Miss LOB, but will also honor the previous winners at its 40th anniversary pageant on Feb. 5.

In the early 1920s the Potpourri, NSU's yearbook, sponsored the first beauty pageant held on campus. The winner of the pageant was crowned Miss Potpourri based on photographs submitted to judges.

In 1958, the Potpourri sponsored another pageant, the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, which was held in October. In the first pageant, fifty-seven girls, nominated by their respective dormitories, entered the pageant. Judges, members of the student body and faculty chose twenty girls to participate in the final judging of the pageant.

The final judging was done before an all-college assembly where the girls were presented before three judges in evening gowns. Webb Overlander and Jim Barker, makeup men for Sam Goldwin Productions and Benoni Crouch, a model from John Robert Powers Studios, selected twelve semi-finalists based on their beauty, poise, and personality.

Eight women were chosen as finalists who were asked questions based on their experiences at NSU, then the Northwestern State College, and their plans after graduation. The eight finalists were presented to the student body at an annual masquerade dance held after the pageant.

The woman chosen as the first Miss Lady of the Bracelet, Kahne Dipola, was awarded a solid gold bracelet to wear when she represented the university in public. The bracelet, which is passed down to each new winner, holds charms with the names of the previous winners of the pageant.

FILE PHOTO
Kahne Dipola, the first Ms. Lady of the Bracelet

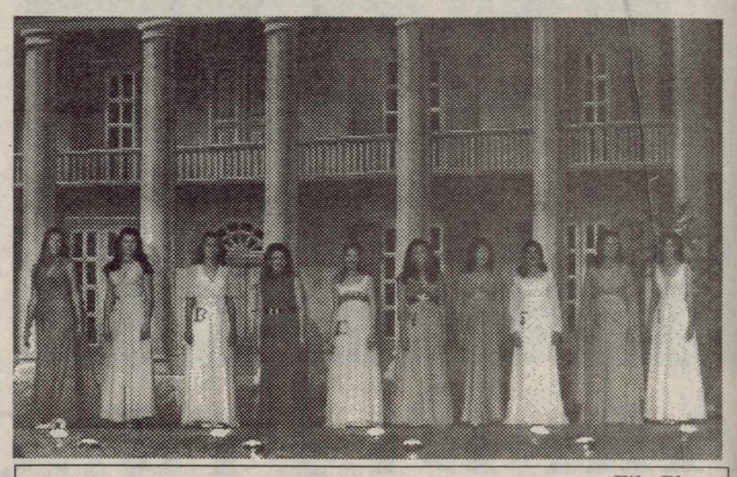
Beginning in the mid-70s, organizations on campus nominated and sponsored the participants of the Miss L.O.B. Pageant. In 1971, the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant became a part of the Miss Louisiana Pageant when Mr. Robert W. Wilson, Sr. and the Student Union Governing Board purchased a franchise. Since then, several Miss Lady of the Bracelet representatives have placed in the Miss Louisiana Pageant. The 1980 Miss Lady of the Bracelet, Zina Curlee, was chosen as first runner-up in the Miss Louisiana Pageant held the same year..

Although the Potpourri sponsored the pageant during the first few years, the Student Activities Board, formerly the Student Union Governing Board, has sponsored the program in the past few years.

Beginning in the 1970s, the winner of the pageant was awarded a $300 university scholarship. Since then, the awards of Miss Lady of the Bracelet have risen to over $5000 in cash and prizes.

According to Director of Student Actvities and Organizations, Carl Henry, all of the 41 previous winners have been invited to attend the 1999 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant Feb. 5 in the A.A. Frederick's Auditorium.

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two part feature on the Lady of the Bracelet pageant. Part two will run next week and will focus on this year's event.



File Photo
Contestants in the 1973 LOB pose in their evening gowns as part of the competition.

Row 1 (l to r): Zachary Grant, Kurt Hanawa, Daniel Templet (Secretary), Matt Rotrock (Historian), Abraham Anthony, Eric Engelhardt (Vice President), Jason McGregor (President), Randel Babin, Clarence Frank (Music Director), David Beaver (Alumni Secretary), Brian Coatney (Treasurer), Daniel Collins **Row 2:** Jeff Hanel, Uel Smith, Vernon Russell, Kenneth Scattergood, Mark Johnson, Brandon Strain, Michael Gibson, Brian Hamlin, Justin Turner, Jason Morris, Brian Rhodes, Randall Schultz, Daniel Roland Hardin, Todd Modgling, Wayne Marsh **Row 3:** Alan Cornelison, Scott Lindholm, Trent Gunter, David Thompson, Russell Greener, Lane Dunn, Zane Vaughn, Chris Brown, Michael Coker, Donald Gramble, Jason Harrison, Wes Hardy, Joey Trahan, Ben Drake, Shawn Hornsby, Nathan Keefe, Eddie Elsey, Eric Zelasko, Wayne Marsh

Campus Spotlight: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a professional music organization that strives for excellence in the advancement of music in America. Founded on October 6, 1898, Sinfonia has always pushed to its fullest potential by instilling in all people an awareness of music's important role in the enrichment of the human spirit as one of its purposes states.

The Gamma Rho Chapter here at Northwestern State University follows the lead of the founding father of Sinfonia by fulfilling all the purposes and goals of the Fraternity.

Last semester Phi Mu Alpha co-sponsored the first annual NSU Trumpet Extravaganza and provided a Music in the Schools program sponsored by the Natchitoches Jazz Association.

The Gamma Rho Chapter has also been active in various performing groups in the Creative And Performing Arts Department.

The Gamma Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha welcomed and congratulated eighteen new members last semester. They are as follows: Russell Greenlee, Uel Smith, Zane Vaughn, Wes Hardy, Jason Harrison, David Thompson,Nathan Keefer, Chris Brown, Alan Cornelison, Donnie Gamble, Eddie Elsey, Joey Trahan, Lane Dunn, Benjamin Drake, Michael Coker, Trent Gunter, Scott Lindholm, and Mr. Ronald Jones.

"Current Quotes"

"How was fee payment for you this spring?"

"I didn't have any problems with fee payment. I went through really quick, the only problem was tha I had to pay the money,"

Keli Ourso
Freshman

"I have never seen it like that before, you have to go from one place to another and nobody really directed you. It's like your lost in space. It could have been more organized."

Steven Wolfe
Sophomore

"I think that one should be at his own convenience to go through fee payment without having to wait for a certain date."

Kenneth Hoover
Junior

"Fee payment was just fine. I didn't have any trouble getting through the long lines, and it wasn't all that crowded."

Kelly Kumbier
Senior

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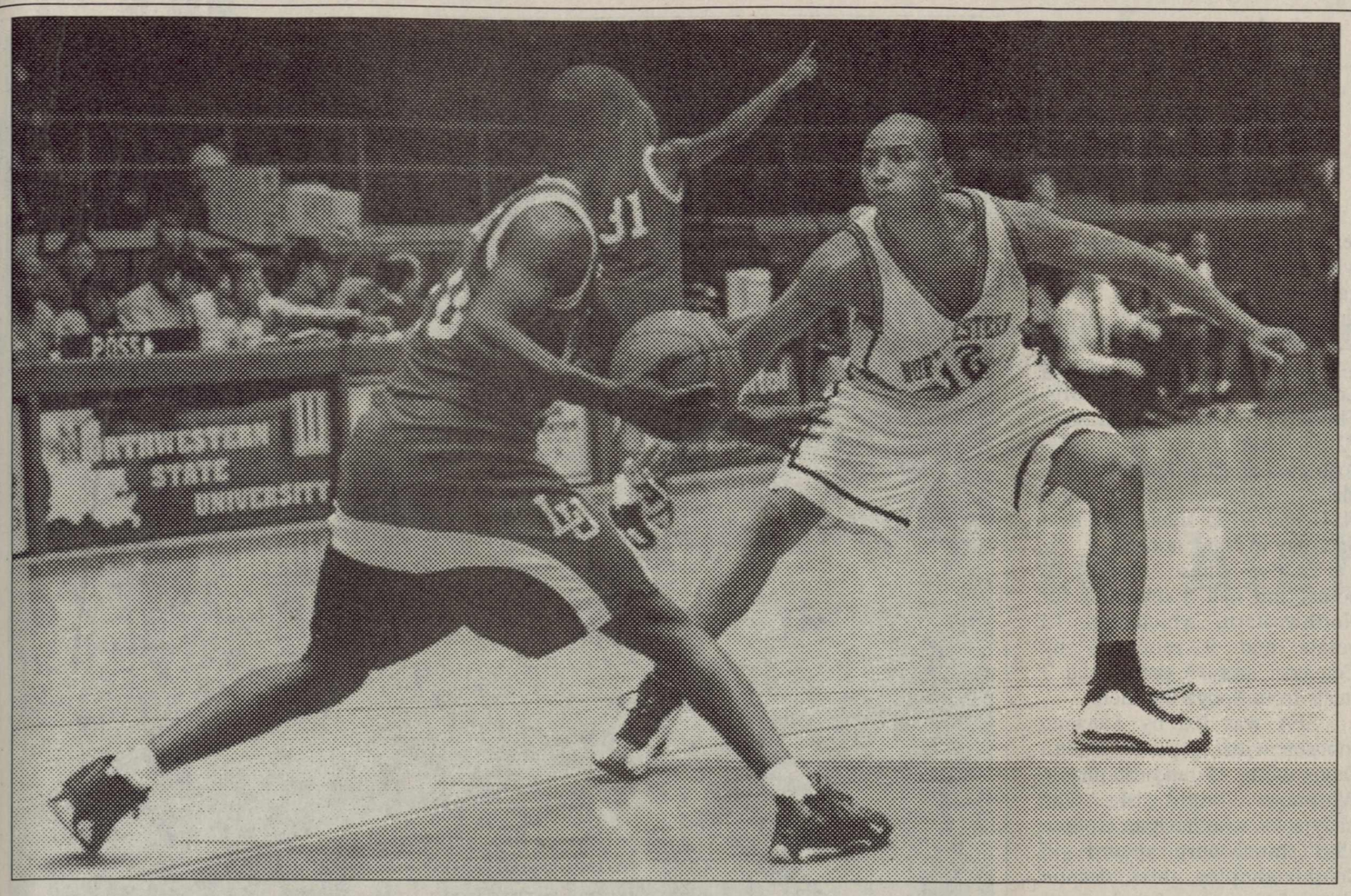


News Bureau

Alann Polk tries to pysche out his opponent in order to get the steal.

Gumbo dinner served to early fans Thursday

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

If the thought of spending an evening watching exciting and exhilerating Demon basketball is not enough to lure you to Thursday's Southland Conference doubleheader against Nicholls State, then maybe the aroma of gumbo is.

Free gumbo, served by seven different groups, will await the early fans or season ticket holders in the annual "Gumbo Cookoff", sponsored by the NSU Athletic Department.

The gumbo will be served when the gates open at 5 p.m. inside the coliseum on a first-come, first-served basis. The contest will last until all of the gumbo is gone.

Seven different teams will compete, many of them local buisinesses.Among the teams are the Ryder Inn, ARAmark, KNTS-TV, City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Area Jaycees, Just George, and the "Fab Four" team which consists of Dr. Randall Webb, Dr. Robert Crew, Jerry Pierce and Donnie Cox.

Students get into all home games free, while General Admission for the public is $7.

The Lady Demons tip off first at 5:30 with the men following at 7:30.

NSU gets featured in Playstation game

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Northwestern State University athletics enter a whole new playing field, literally.

989 Sports, creator of the top selling Playstation videogame series, *NFL GameDay, MLB, NHL FaceOff, NCAA GameBreaker '99, NFL Xtreme and NBA Shootout*, broke into the world of college hoops with *NCAA Final Four '99.*

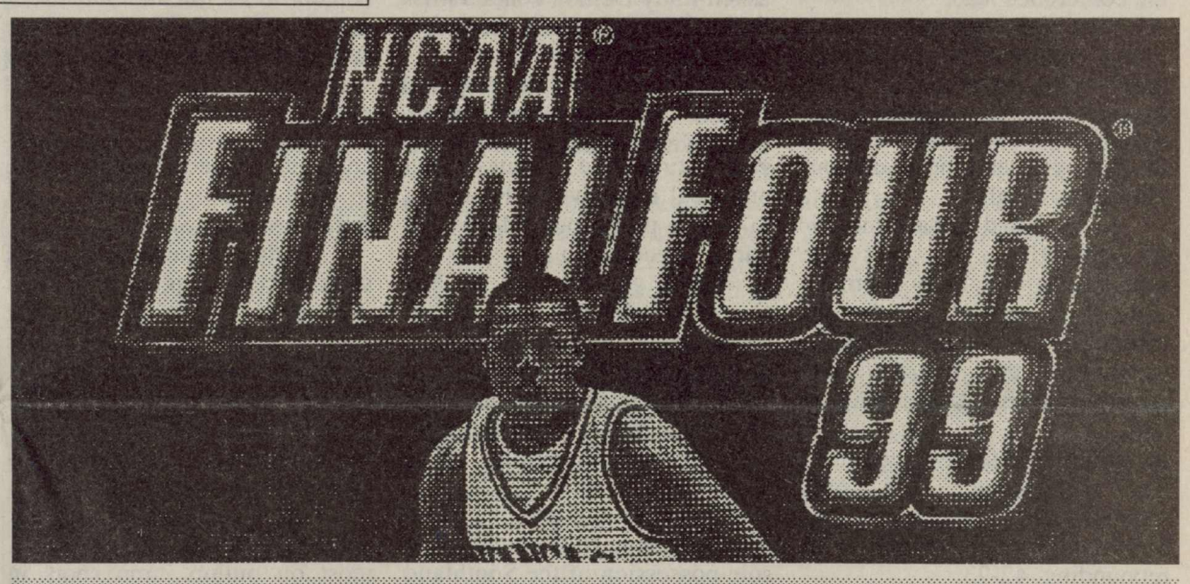
"We are very proud to finally add college basketball to our 989 Sports videogame lineup," Jeffery Fox, vice-president, marketing 989 Studios. "*NCAA Final Four '99* includes all the subtle details of college basketball like animated crowds, fight songs and arena chants, which truly capture the excitement and emotion of the college game."

Not only can one play as the Demons, but a person can choose from 300 different college teams, I-A to I-AA.

NCAA Final Four '99 player are scaled to their height and weight, and are design to play to thier actual abilities. To broaden the realism of this game, motion capture animation was used to incorporate the movement of colege basketball stars. Former players used included Robert Horry of the Los Angeles Lakers and Charles "Bo" Outlaw of the Orlando Magics.

NCAA Final Four '99 laos gives the first play-by play commentary. Announcer Quinn Brickner lends his vocal talents as the play-by play commentator.

One can find *NCAA Final Four '99* in stores.



Men's basketball levels Lumberjacks, 66-63

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Will Burks hit 10 of 15 shots and scored 23 points to boost the Demons to 6-7 overall and, more importantly, 3-2 in the conference with a 66-63 win over the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

Burks' career-high score total and 13 rebounds, along with 12 out of 18 shooting for the Demons in the second half, helped turn an 8-point first half deficit into a 9-point lead.

"It was a gutsy win for this team," said Demon coach J.D.Barnett. " Winning a tight one on the road in conference play is a good step for us. We did a nice job of holding the lead by making the hustle plays to stay on top."

The Demons, who have won five of their last seven, caught fire late in the first half and into the second half, hitting 67 percent of their shots in an 11-minute span.

SFA, who narrowly lost to unbeaten league-leading Northeast Louisiana Thursday, now drops to 3-12 and 1-6 in conference.

The Demons never trailed in the second half, although SFA had a few chances late in the second half. The Lumberjacks stayed within 6 points for the final nine minutes, and were within one twice in the last minute.

While leading 64-63, SFA point guard Jermane Lyons missed a layup with 30 seconds left. The Demons' Amidd Sardinea grabbed the rebound and was fouled at the other end. He would make one.

Then with four seconds left, SFA had one more chance with after a 3-point attempt by Will Porter. Porter missed, and Jerrold McRae, who had 12 points in the game, got the rebound and added a free throw at the other end.

"We dodged some big bullets at the end. The layup they missed was the biggest one," stated Barnett. "The effort we gave earned those breaks."

The Demons return home with conference doubleheaders on Thursday and Saturday. Thursday, the Demons welcome the Nicholls State Colonels at 7:30 following the Lady Demons game. Then on Saturday, the Demons face SLC leaders and unbeaten Northeast Louisiana. Tipoff for that game is 2:00.

Roadrunners slip past Demons, 78-66

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons' venture into Texas for two games began on a sour note Friday, with a loss to the Texas-Arlington Mavericks 78-66 in Southland Conference action.

UTA's Jarold Hiple scored the game-high of 17 points along with 12 rebounds. Hiple helped the Mavericks pull away from the Demons late in the second half by hitting 7 out of 8 shots from the field.

Right behind him in scoring was Donald Harris, who scored 16 points, including 3 for 4 on 3-pointers.

The Demons' Ryan Duplesis had the high of 13 points in a night where top scorers Richard Taylor and Alann Polk, hampered by an ankle injury and the flu respectively, could manage only 5 points between them.

Northwestern shot 45 percent from the field, while UTA had a shooting percentage of 52 percent.

UTA trailed 49-46 late in the second quarter when a couple of steals turned into a 13-0 run which the Demons could not overcome. After the damage was done, UTA was up 59-49 with 8:39 remaining. The Demons never closed the gap by more than seven points.

"We missed too many short shots," said Demon coach J.D.Barnett. "I was disappointed in our inability to finish, and it ultimately cost us the game."

UTA, fueled by Harris' 3 for 4 night behind the arch, had a three point percentage of 45 for the night (9-20).

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Clark-dominated offense sweeps Texas

Sports Information

Trailing by 10 on the road at halftime to a Texas-Arlington team riding an eight-game winning streak and ranking second nationally in scoring defense, the outlook was bleak for Northwestern State Thursday night.

Then the Lady Demons took a page from the Mavericks' playbook, beating UTA at its own game, defense, to record a stirring 56-51 triumph in a battle between teams unbeaten in the Southland Conference women's basketball race.

Northwestern (9-3, 4-0 in the SLC) trailed by as many as 12 in the second half, but a stingy defense held Texas-Arlington (10-4, 5-1) to only 16 points and a 20.7 field goal percentage after the break.

Red-hot Judy Clark scored 22 points and Louise Chase added 16 for Northwestern, which emerged from the game tied with Northeast Louisiana for the conference lead.

"We could not get anything going offensively in the first half," said NSU head coach James Smith. "They might be the best defensive team we face this year and they came out playing us tough."

NSU trailed at halftime 35-25. Shooting was not the problem as the Lady Demons shot 47.8 percent (11-for-23) from the field, but the Mavericks dominated the boards, out-rebounding NSU 21-9 in the first half,
including 10 offensive rebounds. For the game, UTA out-rebounded NSU, which leads the Southland Conference in rebounding, 42-23.

"We didn't change anything at halftime, except for our intensity," added Smith. "We turned up our intensity which led to better defense and better rebounding, which was killing us in the first half."

Clark's 22, her second straight game scoring over 20 points, led all scorers during the evening. Chase added three rebounds, two assists and two steals to her 16 points.

"Judy played great offensively," said Smith. "Louise probably played her most complete game so far this season. She did it all on both ends of the court."

Jennifer Boniol led UTA with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Jalila Darez added 11 points as the Mavericks dropped their first SLC game on the season and fourth straight to NSU.

Judy Clark had 31 points and only one steal, so which stat mattered most Saturday after she led Northwestern State to an 85-84 win over arch-rival Stephen F. Austin?

"Do I have to choose?" asked Lady Demon coach James Smith. "I don't think there is a wrong answer."

The savvy 5-6 junior guard posted a career-best scoring total, even without scoring in the games final five minutes. That one steal came with SFA trying to pad a precarious 84-83 lead with 29 seconds to go.

Clark got the ball to Kia Converse, who was fouled with 9 seconds left while twisting up a driving layup. Converse swished both of her free throws and SFA turned the ball over in the final seconds without getting off a shot.

The outcome lifted Northwestern, 10-3 overall, into sole possession of the Southland Conference lead with a 5-0 league mark. The Ladyjacks, who lost back-to-back home games in conference play for the first time in 13 seasons in the league, slipped to 7-7 overall and 4-2 in the Southland. Northeast Louisiana, which upset SFA Thursday night, was thrashed 72-54 Saturday at Texas-Arlington and fell out of a first-place tie with the Lady Demons. NSU and NLU square off next Saturday in Natchitoches.

Louise Chase scored 16 points and had 8 rebounds for Northwestern, which got 13 points and 9 rebounds by Converse and 13 points and 3 steals from Sonya Bearden.

SFA was led by Shawnta Johnson with 20 points, Anitra Davis with 15 and Stephanie Whitmore with 14. The Ladyjacks, who have an all-time 65-3 homecourt record in Southland play, lost despite hitting 54 percent of their shots, including an amazing 66 percent (21-32) in the second half after leading 41-35 at the break.

Northwestern sank 55 percent in the second half itself, including 6-11 on 3- pointers, to fuel its rally from a deficit that was as big as 10 early in the final period.

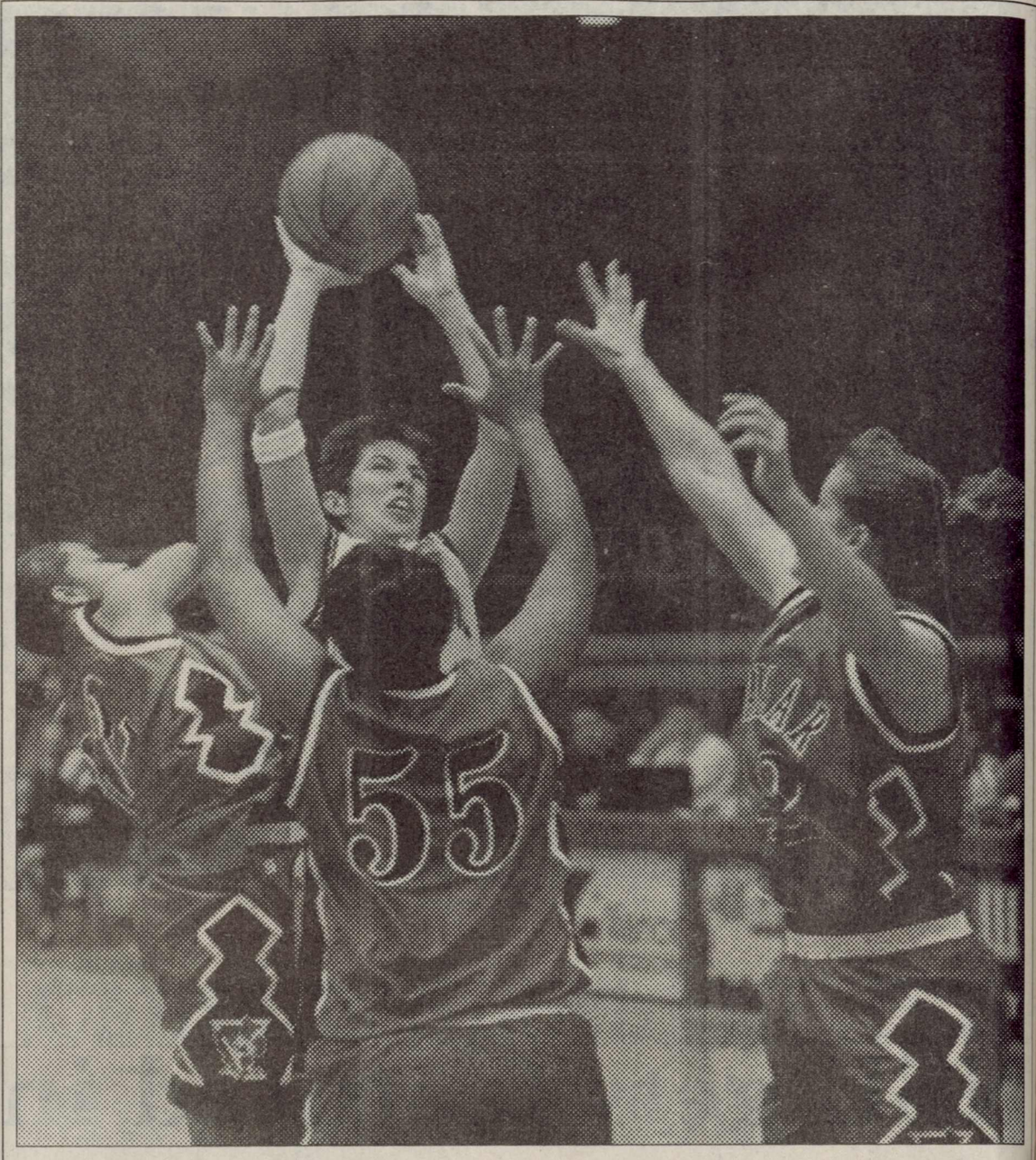
Clarks performance, coupled with a 40-40 stalemate in rebounding, made the difference, said Smith.

"Judy is a special player and she can step it up a notch when you need it the most," said Smith. "But all our kids responded today, not all the time, but when it mattered. The biggest stat was the rebounding. We couldn't let them knock us around inside and we didn't."

The soft-spoken Clark scored 19 points after halftime, most on pullup jump shots in transition and on perimeter bombs. Her play gave Northwestern the edge in a see-saw battle featuring five ties and five lead changes in the final 10 minutes.

"We knew what this one means, so we wanted to come out and play hard," Clark told. "We did, and this is what happened".

Converse wasn't finished after sinking the decisive free throws. She darted in front of SFA's Davis, who appeared wide open on the left wing about 15 feet from the basket in transition and forced a double dribble with less than a second remaining.



News Bureau

Judy Clark fights to get a shot off during Saturday's 85-84 upheaval of the Stephen F. Austin LadyJacks.

At the wire.....

From News Reports

Dirty Birds, Broncos to meet

The Denver Broncos and the Atlanta Falcons earned trips to Super Bowl XXXIII on Sunday.

Both teams rallied from second-half, double-digit deficits to win NFL conference championships. The Broncos, down 10-0 in the third quarter, stormed back to beat the New York Jets 23-10 for the AFC title.

The Falcons will make their first-ever Super Bowl appearance after beating Minnesota 30-27 in overtime on a 38-yard field goal by Morten Andersen. Atlanta goes into the Super Bowl 8-point underdogs.

Bure headed to Florida

The Vancouver Canucks announced Sunday they have traded high-scoring holdout Pavel Bure to the Florida Panthers in a seven-player deal.

Bure, a three-time 50-goal scorer, has missed the entire season after announcing in August that he would never play again for the Canucks.

The Canucks sent Bure, defensemen Bret Hedican and Brad Ference and a third round draft pick to Florida for defenseman Ed Jovanovski, centers Dave Gagner and Mike Brown, goaltender Kevin Weekes and a first round selection in 1999 or 2000.

No doubt about it

Well-rounded Amidd Sardinea does it all

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

If anybody has any doubts about this year's Demon basketball team, whether it be the lack of experience or losing all of last year's starters, you won't find them practicing on the court of Prather Coliseum.

Or in the locker room.

Or on the bench.

And you won't find any doubts in the mind of 6-7 forward Amidd Sardinea. Last year's defensive MVP of Weatherford Community College is currently the team leader in field goal percentage (.540) and is second on the team in rebounds (70), including 16 in one game against Grambling.

But even in helping to lead his team to a 6-7 record and 3-2 in conference, he feels that this year's Demon squad isn't getting the respect it deserves.

"We have a lot of talent. The Sophomores on this team already knew that, and when I came, I found that out," said Sardinea.

"Coach (Barnett) told us how all the polls and the media were picking us to finish 10th and 11th in the conference. All of that just pushed us to be better."

Better they have been. The Demons are currently in 4th place in the SLC standings, thanks in large part to winning four out of five over the Christmas holidays, with key victories in conference play, including a 79-60 win over a highly touted Lamar squad picked to finish fourth this year. In those five games, Sardinea had or tied the game high in blocked shots and rebounds four times.

Sardinea doesn't see himself as just a defensive or rebounding threat. He was the lead scorer in the 84-77 win over Sam Houston, scoring 20 that game. Sardinea says that the well-roundedness and unselfish play of the team is the reason why the Demons are doing so well.

"I try to do whatever coach needs. If that's block, shoot, steal, whatever, I try to do it. That's what makes our team the way it is. Everybody contributes what they can."

Teammate Brent Shropshire agrees that Sardinea is more than a shot blocker.

"He's playing extremely well. He likes to shoot and block and do anything."

Sardinea has been playing extremely well ever since high school, where he helped Bellaire High School in Houston to a 27-6 record and a trip to the third round of the playoffs. He was also on the Weatherford CC team that was ranked 8th nationally on the JUCO circuit.

When asked if he ever thought he would play for a Division I team like Northwestern and he'll tell you how suprised he was.

""My goals have been the same since high school, to help the team. I had always dreamed of playing in a big arena, but it didn't actually hit me that I was playing college basketball until the Oklahoma game, and I saw the lights and the big stadium. That's when it hit."

Last season, he averaged 16.6 rebounds a game and 8 rebounds a game, but the most important statistic to Sardinea is 2 months,the age of his daughter, Tiana.

"I used to see myself playing in the NBA, but right now it's all about graduating and getting my education for my little girl."

And as for all those media critics who said this year's team would be a "rebuilding squad," Sardinea made a statement about that.

"We can win. My high school coach always said 'night in, night out, you never know what will happen.'"

Student Athlete of the Week

Will Burks
Basketball

The sophomore forward hit 23 points and rebounded the ball 13 times in a 66-63 victory over Stephen F. Austin. Burks had 66 percent aim for the night. The Demons increased their record to 6-7 and 3-2 in the Southland Conference.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Basketball
Nicholls State
January 21@7:30 p.m.

Student Athlete of the Week

Judy Clark
Women's Basketball

The junior guard scored 31 points to give the Lady Demons a 85-84 edge against the SFA LadyJacks. Clark also chalked up 22 points in a 56-51 come-from-behind win over UTA. The Lady Demons move to 10-3 and 5-0 in the conference.

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Student set to perform at pre-game of the Super Bowl.
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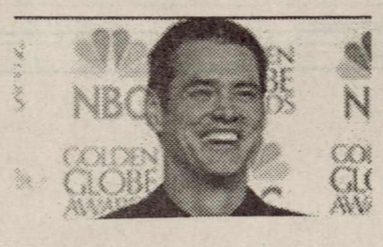

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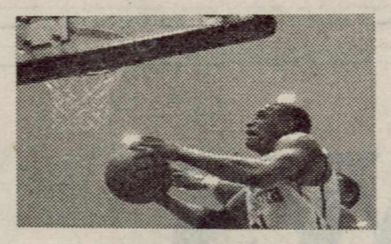

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News Bureau

The student panel is a favorite amoing the programs offered to high school juniors. The University is one of a few schools in the state that offers a full day for juniors to visit the campus.

Admissions reaches out to high school juniors

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, the University hosted prospective juniors and their parents from Louisiana and surrounding states at the University's annual Junior Day.

According to Jana Lucky, director of admissions and recruiting, over 300 juniors and their parents were in attendance.

Lucky said there was an increase over last year's attendance with about 323 people attending, with many juniors attending from the New Orleans area.

Junior Day is designed to allow high school juniors to get an overview of the academic programs that Northwestern offers and to preview the other features around the campus.

The day began at 10 a.m. with a welcoming session. Afterwards, there was a question and answer period to clear up any questions prospective students may have had about the University. Questions included topics such as Greek life, residential life and spirit groups.

A panel comprised of eight Northwestern students was on hand to help ensure that the juniors' questions were answered from a students' perspective.

According to Lucky, it was the most popular event of the day.

"Our student panel was one of the best ever," she said.

"I really enjoyed being on the student panel; I answered questions about the spirit organizations," student panelist Melissa Zande said. "I really like how NSU has the student panel. Students can get a feel for the university on a one-on-one basis with students from NSU."

Parents also sat in on a similar panel with administrators including Kenn Posey, interim director of financial aid; Chris Maggio, director of enrollment services; Dr. Thomas Burns, vice president of academic affairs and Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs answering their questions.

"I think these parents that attend junior day are generally interested in learning more about scholarships, and we were very impressed with that," Lucky commented.

Lauren Brown, admissions counselor, said Junior Day is a key recruiting tool for the Admissions and Recruiting office.

The students who have an interest in the University as early as junior year are the students that are really interested as seniors, Brown commented. These are the students they focus on during recruitment season in their senior year.

Besides being smaller than Senior Day, Junior Day does not target housing or offer the informational browse that Senior Day does. Brown said the admissions office focuses on giving the juniors a head start on their college decisions.

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting invites all juniors in their database, and juniors from every school in the state, in addition to schools from the Texas and Arkansas area.

Lucky was very thankful of the campus wide involvement and the participation from the academic deans.

At the end of the day, the juniors seemed to be very comfortable with the University and Lucky hopes this day left a positive impression on prospective students.

Solutions for handicapped parking problem possible

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

A major concern expressed at the most recent SGA meeting was the abuse of students parking in handicapped spaces.

On Jan 12, Steve Hicks, coordinator of disability services, spoke to the Traffic and Safety Committee about the problems students with disabilities are having with parking.

This action was taken after Hicks discussed the issue with Chief Rickie Williams.

Some of Hicks' original recommendations for the committee include: additional signs under the disabled student parking symbols, enforcement of towing by campus police and the publication of the names of offenders in *The Current Sauce*.

The Traffic and Parking Committee decided that a warning will be placed in the newspaper regarding fines, and information on parking requirements will be printed to alert students with disabilities.

Students who are in need of the parking spaces need to register with the campus police.

The new fine will be a $50 parking ticket, which will be issued by the city of Natchitoches.

"If you're not handicapped, don't park there," Luke Dowden, SGA president, said.

Students who have questions about their designated parking spot can get an informational brochure from University Police.

"Be considerate of others, and do the right thing," Hicks said. "We have students who need these spaces."

French trip planned to celebrate FrancoFete

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

FrancoFete, the year-long celebration of Louisiana's french founding, is in full swing.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of French influence in Louisiana.

Cities throughout Louisiana are having their own unique celebrations. Opening ceremonies in Baton Rouge will begin Saturday. It will be televised on PBS because of the large size of participants expected.

Many French tourists are also anticipated to attend. Representatives from the state have traveled all over Europe to promote the celebration.

Associate Professor of French Lisa Wolffe has asked the French Consul to speak and hopes for a good turnout. Wolffe is leading a 10-day trip to France May 24-June 3 to help celebrate FrancoFete.

This trip will focus on Natchitoches' sister city, La Roque d'Antheron and the surrounding region. Participants in the trip will also visit Avignon, Beaumes, Chateauneuf du Pape, Les Baux, Arles, Aix and Lyon.

"I hope this trip can expose many to French culture and language," Wolffe said. "The trip can be good for people who are interested in art, architecture (especially Roman Classical) and even botany."

Wolffe is also hoping to do a French film festival on campus to help celebrate FrancoFete.

The trip will cost $1,694 per person in a double occupancy room.

Included in the cost are nine nights in first-class hotels, airport transfers, porterage (one bag per person), a full-time tour escort, an English-speaking local guide, breakfast and dinner daily, hotel taxes and surcharges as well as a private motorcoach. Airfare is additional. Group rates for airfare can be arranged if there is enough interest expressed before Jan. 31.

The first deposit of $250 per person is due Jan. 28. A second deposit of $250 is due Feb. 19, with the balance of $1,194 due March 19.

The tour can be booked by contacting The Travel Place in Natchitoches at 352-8600 or (800) 444-1836. For more information, contact Wolffe at 357-6285 or Juliana Fleming at 352-8600.

Natchitoches will be the place for the closing ceremonies

CAPA receives renovations

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

During the summer of 1998, renovations provding a new Creative and Performing Arts wing took place in Sabine Hall.

The new CAPA wing was opened to group together students with the same interests or majors. The wing is designated for students involved in creative and performing arts programs.

Some of the students included in this category are members of the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band, the danceline, cheerleaders and theater and art majors.

The first and second floors of Sabine Hall are divided by sex.

Another project that the office is currently working on is a renovated lobby for the CAPA wing. Lockers, art lighting and easels are going to be provided for students to use. The new lobby will be soundproof so that music students can practice.

Last semester there were not enough students participating to fill all of the rooms, but this semester the enrollment has increased. The office of student services encourages anyone that is a potential CAPA resident to fill out an application.

Although the students are divided, there is still interaction between the two floors.

"I like having the guys live in CAPA because I have made great friends that I never would have otherwise," Jennifer Culpepper, accounting major, said. "Another benefit is that they are nice and willing to hold open the doors for us."

The CAPA wing project was designed to group students with similar interests. Grouping these students has proven to increase the number of residents by providing a healthier and happier learning environment.

Students can go by the student services office in the Student Union to pick up an application.

Albertson's providing jobs for students

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Albertson's is providing the University with more than reasonable prices at a convenient location, and it's also providing job opportunities for qualified students.

Approximately 200 students have applied for the 150 available positions through Northwestern's Job Location Service.

This is a full-service placement firm that provides all regularly enrolled students with the training and information needed for job preparation. It also provides the employer with qualified applicants without the hassle of paperwork, contracts or fees.

Sammie Estrada, Albertson's Assistant Employee Development Manager, said the Job Location Service is an advantage to all employers by making everything from applications to interviews accessible to them.

"They were very professional," Estrada said. "We've even interviewed some potential management candidates."

"I really appreciate the fact that Albertson's chose to go through Northwestern to find employees," Beverly Haire, freshman psychology major, said. "The Job Location Service made it a lot easier for me to get my foot in the door."

After seven months of waiting everyone will be able to get their "foot in the door" on Feb. 24 at Albertson's grand opening.

Although construction delays have pushed the opening date back four times in the last month, according to Estrada, "this date is definite."

For additional information about Northwestern's Job Location Service contact Ina Agnew in the Student Union room 305 or call 357-5621.

News Bureau

Construction workers finished installing the bricks for all cross walks surrounding the intersection of Sibley Drive and Caspari Street.

News

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University musicians perform in New Orleans

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

Members of the Natural Trumpet Ensemble have been invited to perform the closing for the first of the 1999 annual recitals of the New Orleans Junior Philharmonic Society.

The recital was Jan. 24 and was held at Tulane University. The participants are normally invited to audition to perform; however, this year the Natural Trumpet Ensemble was invited without an audition.

Daniel Guyton, an ensemble member, said to play is a different experience and an honor.

The ensemble is comprised of six people: Professor Galindo Rodriquez, Phil Elkins, Joshua Price, Daniel Guyton, Jason McGregor, and Justin Turner.

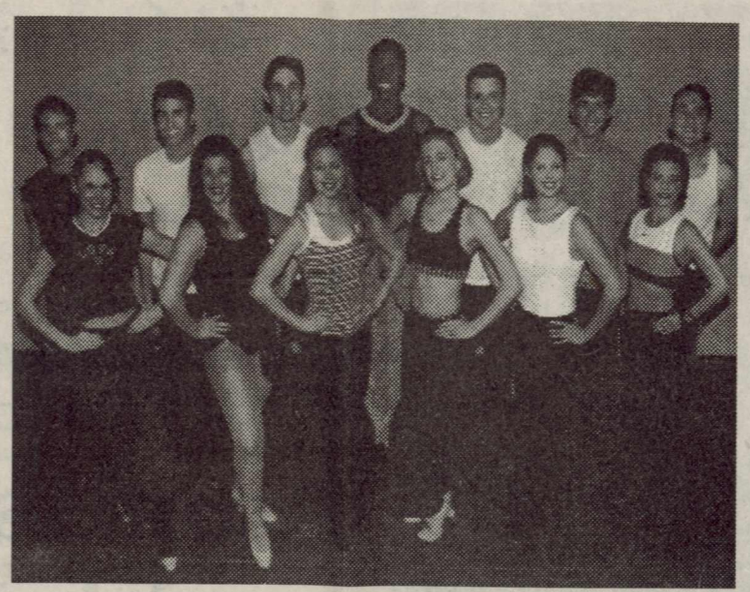
The group meets twice weekly to work on music from the early 1600s to the 1700s, and specialize in Baroque music.

"For this concert, we're playing one of the first pieces ever composed for trumpets in an orchestra," Rodriquez said.

The five students that are in the ensemble are "very dedicated," Rodriquez said. "They show real commitment."

The ensemble is one of few natural trumpet ensembles in the United States. In fact, there are only three schools that have natural trumpets in the southern region: University of North Texas, Florida State University and Northwestern.

The uniqueness of this ensemble is in the types of instruments played. The horns are not like conventional trumpets; natural trumpets have neither valves nor pistons and are rarely played in the United States.



News Bureau

The LOB dancers have been working hard to perfect their routines for the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant Feb. 5 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Also providing entertainment for the pageant will be the Demon Dazzlers and the NSU Jazz Band and Miss Louisiana.

Food Services gets new director

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

Campus dining has undergone managerial changes.

Joe Tillman, who has been with Aramark since 1985, has been named the new director of Food Services, replacing Chuck Weaver.

Tillman brings 15 years of experience to the position.

"I've worked on about 15 different universities and colleges," Tillman said.

Tillman's work has brought him to schools in Texas, Arkansas, and now in Louisiana.

"The atmosphere you guys have here is neat," Tillman said.

Tillman intends to change very little with Aramark's service initially.

"Prices won't change," Tillman said.

In the past he has worked on numerous projects relating to campus dining

"I've worked on special projects on student retention," Tillman said.

Among his projects for the University's campus dining, Tillman plans to form a committee on food services consisting of about eight or 10 students.

"I would like to go straight to you guys," Tillman said. "I don't want any barriers between the students and me."

Tillman encourages an interaction between the students and Food Services.

"My door is open for any student," Tillman said. "Come see me."

Tillman replaces the former director of Food Services, Weaver, who has taken a position with Aramark in New Mexico.

Got a nose for news? If so, give us a call at 357-5456.

University Police offer safety tips

University Police

According to information printed by University Police, awareness of crime prevention techniques can help decrease the possibility of crime occurring on campus.

When walking at night,, police suggest using the best lighted route and walking near the curb.

Students should avoid alleys, parks, vacant lots and dark parking areas.

Students should never hitchhike or accept rides from strangers.

If a car approaches and person is threatened, he should walk in the opposite direction of the vehicle.

Police said if a person thinks someone is following himd, he should cross the street, walk faster or walk down the middle of the street.

People should try to go to a lighted area, such as a store near a group of people.

Students should not overload themselves with packages. If a purse is snatched, people shouldn't fight. Police suggest giving it up rather than risking injury.

Police said it will not be a great loss if a person carries no more cash than is necessary and keeps a list at home of all credit cards, licenses, etc.

When walking to their vehicle, drivers should have their keys ready in hand.

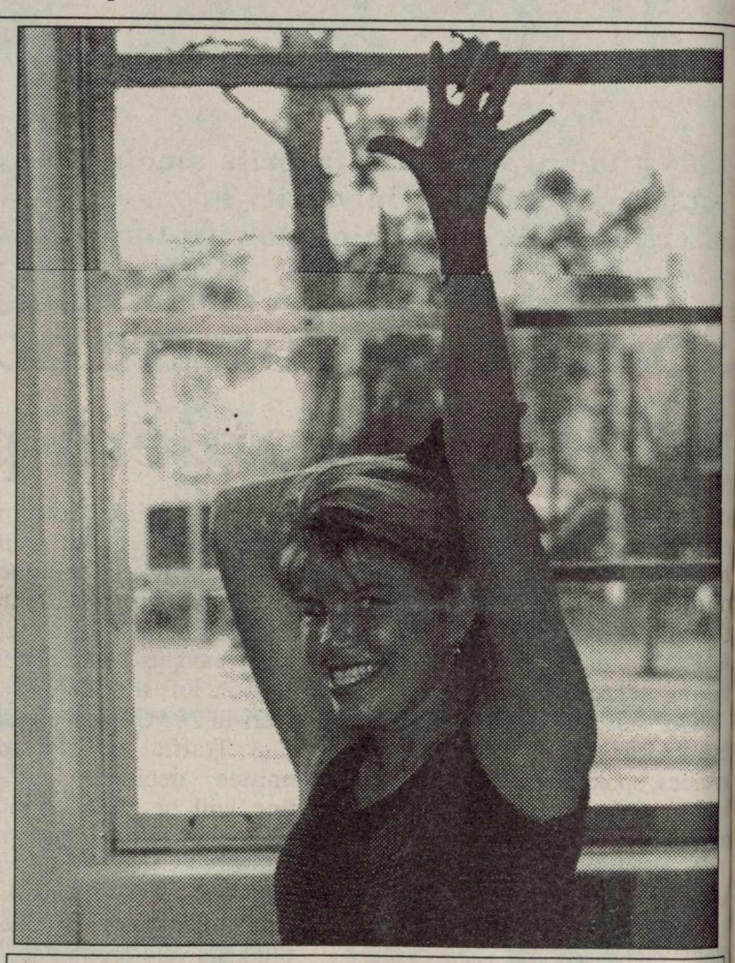
Drivers should always check the rear seat and floor before getting into their vehicle. They should also lock the doors as soon as they get into their vehicle, and keep them locked.

According to police information, if a driver thinks he is being followed by another car, he should not turn into his driveway or parking lot.

Drivers should attempt to locate businesses or drive to the nearest police department and use the horn and lights to attract attention. Try to obtain a license plate number of the other vehicle to give to police.

Never stop to offer help to a stranded motorist, male or female. Stop at the next telephone booth and call the police or a service station.

Police said if you park your vehicle and the attendant asks you to leave your keys, leave only keys to the vehicle.



Gary Hardamon

Carrie Todd, a junior general studies major, will perform Jan. 31 at the pre-game show of the Super Bowl in Miami.

Student to perform at Super Bowl in Miami

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

One student's passion for dance has led her to the performance of a lifetime.

Carrie Todd, junior general studies major, will perform before millions of people Jan. 31 at the pre-game show of the Super Bowl in Miami.

Todd was asked to dance at the Super Bowl because of her involvement with American All-Star, a professional dance company that offers dance, cheer and drill team clinics to high school and college dance teams.

Todd is a two-year member with the dance company and spends her summer months traveling across the country, teaching routines to various dance teams.

Todd said American All-Star has been responsible for providing pre-game entertainment for the past 14 years.

Not all staff members were asked to perform at the Super Bowl. Todd said staff members were chosen based on their dance ability and personal recommendations.

Joining other staff members will be hundreds of high school dancers who were chosen to perform at the Super Bowl for their dance ability and positive attitude.

Celebrities will also be on hand to entertain viewers. Cher is scheduled to sing the National Anthem and rock group Kiss will perform during pre-game while the girls dance.

This is Todd's second year to perform at the Super Bowl. Last year, she traveled to San Diego and was able to meet such celebrities as model Tyra Banks and singer Jewel.

She was even chosen to perform on stage during the show with The Beach Boys.

Todd will not only perform but will also help choreograph, which meant she had to leave days in advance to prepare routines.

Even though she admitted her time in Miami will be nothing but hard work, Todd said a performance like this is a once- in-a-lifetime experience.

"The honor is in just going itself," she said. "For those two minutes, I'm so happy."

Todd said performing at events such as these are wonderful opportunities to make contacts for a professional dance career.

Her dream is to become a professional dancer and choreographer.

In fact, dancing has been Todd's passion for as long as she can remember. She studied dancing for years at a dance studio in her hometown of Baton Rouge and is a four-year member of the Demon Dazzlers, the University's official jazz line. She even teaches dance lessons at an area studio.

"It's something you do just for the love of it," Todd said. "Dancing is my passion."

SGA Minutes for January 19

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by David Gunn, the Speaker of the Senate, at approximately 7:05 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

Senator Paul Rome led the invocation followed by Senator Matt Comeaux who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 14 senators in attendance.

A motion was made by Speaker David Gunn to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate

The Speaker asked for officer reports:

TREASURER:

Lucas Shaw reported that the SGA remained well within the budget, with about half of the budget remaining for the spring 1999 semester. Lucas is currently working with Office of Alumni Affairs on Undergraduate giving programs.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Angelique Duhon passed out the suggested calendar of events for the Student Government Association for the spring 1999 semester.

She asked for volunteers to serve on a committee for NSU's first annual "BIG EVENT" which would be a school wide community service project. It would be an opportunity for students to payback the community. Mr. Carl Henry agreed to assist with the project.

PRESIDENT:

Luke Dowden reported 4 openings for positions on the Senate, he asked that his appointments for the positions be approved at the January 25, 1999 meeting. He advertised the openings in his bi-weekly article that appears in THE CURRENT SAUCE.

* Asked that $2000 be approved in new business for COSGA travel.
* Announced his plans for an Honors Breakfast honoring all students with a 3.5 or higher GPA.
* February 6&7 will be the next COSBP meeting held at the Southern Law Center in Baton Rouge. He asked that senators notify him if you are interested in attending.
* Luke requested that the senate allocate $155 for blue books & scantrons to be given away to NSU students by the SGA.
* Election dates needed to be approved & Election Chairman needs to be appointed.
* Requested that the Senate attend a Distant Learning Presentation to be held in Room 429 of Kyser Hall on January 26, 1999.
* He informed the Senate of the "Good Government Speaker Series" that the SGA would be sponsoring this semester.
* He requested that Senators volunteer to serve on the "IM Planning Committee"
* Announced Joe Tillman as the new ARAMARK director
* Informed the senate of the present given to Ms. Gail Jones from the SGA
* Bill FA98-015 Rivalry with McNeese has been signed and approved by President Webb.
* Bill FA98-013 to repair the Clocks in Keyser has been signed an approved by President Webb.
* Traffic and Safety Committee agreed for the University Police to issue $50 fines in addition to any towing fees to those unauthorized and undesignated people who park in handicap parking spaces without the proper permit.

The speaker then asked for committee reports:

Student Affairs: need to discuss new meeting time
Club Sports: need to elect a new chairman
Fiscal Affairs: no report
External Affairs: Greg Gelpi stepped down, need to elect a new chairman
SAB: need to elect a new representative.
Academic: need to elect a new chairman.
Internal Affairs: meeting time Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Vice President reported on the ITAC Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to approve $2000 for COSGA. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate with one abstention being Senator Chas Vandersypen.

A motion was made to approve the plans for an Honors Breakfast by Senator Matt Comeaux; the motion was seconded by Senator Justin Courtney and approved by the Senate.

A motion was made by Senator Chas Vandersypen to approve $600 for COSBP travel expenses. The motion was seconded by Senator Matt Comeaux and approved by the Senate.

A motion was made by Senator Paul Rome to approve the $155 to be spent on Blue Books and Scantrons. The motion was seconded by Senator Greg Gelpi and approved by the Senate.

A motion was made to open the floor for nominations for Election Board Chairman. Senator Rusty Broussard and Senator Madi Rozas were nominated. The senate voted on the position after a runoff, Ms. Rozas was named Election Board Chairman.

A motion was made by Senator Matt Comeaux and seconded by Senator Paul Rome to appoint Jaime Hughes and Luke Dowden to the Traffic and Safety Committee. The Senate approved the motion.

Senators Rusty Broussard, Ja' Juan Allen, and Lucas Shaw, and Matt Comeaux were appointed to serve on the ITAC Committee.

Duke Johnson, Paul Rome and Justin Courtney were appointed to the Committee of Organizations. Chas Vandersypen asked to be an alternate for this committee.

A motion was made by Matt Comeaux to send out the organizational grant applications. The motion was seconded by Jaime Hughes and approved by the Senate.

Resolution SP99-001 concerning Senator eligibility requirements was introduced and tabled until the January 25, 1999 meeting.

Micah Coleman was elected Chairman of Club Sports by acclimation. Rusty Broussard was elected Chairman of External Affairs by acclimation

The decision on Academic Affairs Chairman was tabled until the Jan. 25 meeting.

Jamie Hughes was elected our SAB Representative by acclimation.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Joe Riley was introduced. He is on the NSU 22 crew and he also assisted with the SGA web site. He announced plans to air the actual SGA meeting on NSU22.

No Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:54p.m. by Speaker David Gunn.

News

News Office 357-5384

Briefs

Judge to decide how many slaying trials man will face

NATCHITOCHES -- Alexander "Alex" Smith will have to wait to find out how many trials he'll face for the murders of two men he allegedly killed out of jealousy.

Natchitoches District Attorney Van Kyzar said after hearing evidence and arguments from prosecutors and Smith's defense, 10th Judicial District Judge Marvin Gahagan took the matter under advisement.

Smith is accused of killing William Burch, a probation officer, and Paul Winslow, both of whom reportedly had affairs with Smith's wife, Betty.

Burch was killed in 1995 and Winslow was killed in 1997.

Both victims were beaten in the head with what is thought to have been a hammer and were both killed at home.

According to courtroom testimony, both men were murdered shortly after taking Mrs. Smith to Shreveport--Burch, after he took her to see a doctor and Winslow, after he reportedly took her gambling.

Smith was a suspect in the Burch murder but was not arrested until after Winslow was killed.

Kyzar said the strategy for Smith's defense to separate the two trials is to avoid conclusions by a jury that the crimes were connected.

Crime Stoppers working on Leesville theft

LEESVILLE -- The Vernon Parish Crime Stoppers' "Crime of the Week" focuses on a burglary and theft at a residence in Leesville.

The incident took place between 8 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 9 and 10 at 500 Gill Hunt Road.

Items taken were two rifles, a Weatherby with Leapol Mark 4 scope and Browning lever action 30.06s, a .38-caliber old model pistol, a .25-caliber pistol, a 1996 Honda 300 TRX four-wheeler, a VCR, an Olympia chain saw, a 35mm Panoramic camera and lens and assorted jewelry.

Anyone with information about the crime should call Crime Stoppers at (318) 239-2233 or the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Department at (318) 238-1311. Callers may be anonymous and code numbers will be assigned.

A reward up to $1,000 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in this crime.

Di's wedding dress to bring big bucks

LONDON -- Scraps of the material discarded during the creation of Princess Diana's wedding dress will be sold in the United States to the highest bidder.

Peter Smith, a publicist for the vendors, said scraps of the ivory silk gown Diana wore at her 1981 wedding will probably be sold at auction later this year.

Six sections will be offered. The largest will be about 4 square inches. Smith said the cuttings have recently been valued at $164,000 or more.

Workshops offered

Career Services is offering several workshops to help students.

A resume enhancement workshop will be held Feb. 8 in room 320 of the Student Union from 6 until 8 p.m.

The workshop is designed to assist participants with the process of gaterhing information for the resume, making it quantifiable and gearing this "sales tool" toward the position for which the student is applying.

An interviewing workshop will show students how to develop a position description, identify questions that may be asked during the interview, prepare questions for the interviewer and understand the format of the interview.

Students will also learn how to use trial and closing sales techniques.

The workshop will be held March 10 in room 320 of the Student Union from 6 until 8 p.m.

A portfolio development workshop will teach participants how to gather information and documentation of the skills they possess to showcase their talents to a prospective employer.

The course will concentrate on focusing the portfolio around a position description.

The workshop will be held April 8 in room 320 of the Student Union from 6-8 p.m.

To register for these workshops, contact Career Services at (318) 357-5621. All courses are free of charge.

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Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Weekly meetings are held Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: Elections will be held Jan. 26 for the five positions available for representative at large. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion. We represent, but are not limited to, many paths such as Stegaheria, Celtic Reconstructionist Paganism, British Isles Shamanism and the Old Faery-Faith.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail marshdragan@hotmail.com.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

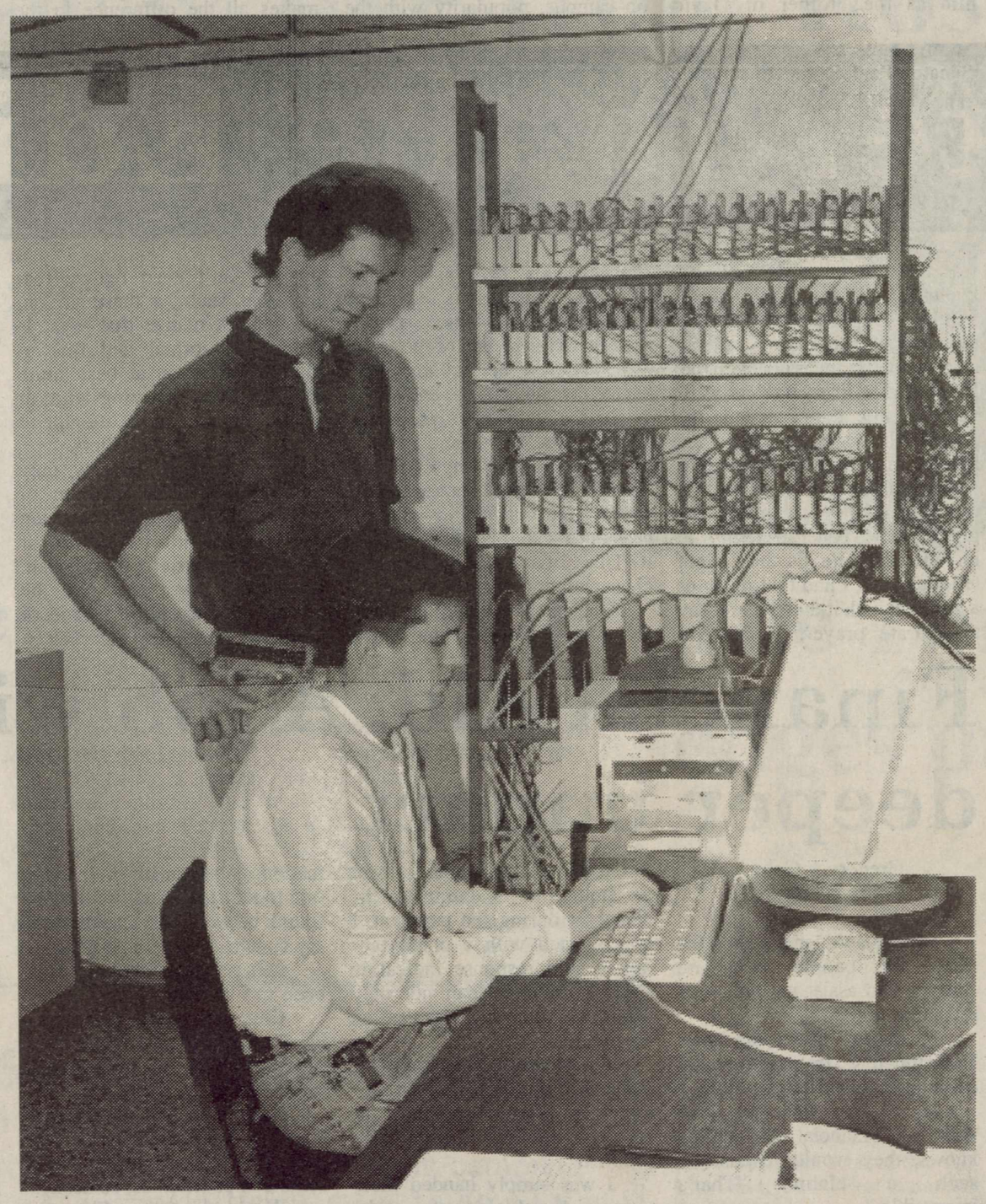
Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Happy birthday Alpha Omicron Pi! Everyone remember that we will be having Open Rush Jan. 26- 29. All non-Greek women interested are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending but cannot make it due to class, call us at 356-8600. Alpha Love and Roses.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

National Association of Black Journalists: A meeting will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in room 108 in Kyser Hall. Membership is open to all students majoring or minoring in journalism.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.



News Bureau

Darron Thaxton (standing) and Tracey Brown, two employees with the Computer Center, are working with Alpha, the main server for the University.

Computer Center gets new employees and modifications

Donald Gervais
Staff Reporter

The first is the data portion. The data section's six programmers wrote 11,000 programs for the University last year.

The programs were to support many aspects of the University from administration to academic research.

The second part and function is the technical support for the University's systems. This is the support that keeps the systems operational. Deron Thaxton has recently been recruited to the Systems Administrator position.

The third part is the systems and networking. The University has four major computer systems. The Computer Center doesn't own the systems -- they are owned by the different offices such as the Financial Aid Office and the Registrar's Office.

The center doesn't determine who has access or what level access, that is done by the system owner. The Computer Center advises the system owners and resolves conflicts so that systems are able to talk to each other and accomplish the flow of information.

Tracy Brown joins the Computer Center staff as the network administrator.

The fourth component of the Computer Center is the operational coordination and policy aspects.

This is the day-to-day operations and advisement support. The office follows rules and guidelines from the state and the University.

The Computer Center advises in these matters such as the Technology Plan that helps develop the goals of the University.

The center also issues computer IDs to students and faculty for their access to various systems.

The University's Technology Enrichment Plan can be accessed at Network modification and new employees highlight Computer Center news.

The third and final phase of modifications to the University's computer major network is due to be implemented during the Mardi Gras break, according to Dr. Anthony Sheffler, director of the Computer Center.

Modification to this major network will be an added security component and will attempt to foil would-be hackers or intruders from entering or tampering with the contents of a computer system.

"This is a state-ordered program, and we will be the second state university to install the modification after Tulane," Sheffler said. "Although we have not experienced a breach of our system LSU's systems was compromised a year or so ago."

Sheffler noted that although no system security was totally free from determined and knowledgeable hackers, he did say that it would give the University's systems added security.

"There should be negligible impact to our students and staff with this implementation," Sheffler said. "Those not using a POP three-type server that are accessing from off campus may have some difficulties. Those using Microsoft Explorer or Netscape will not experience a problem."

The Computer Center has become a vital function of the University. In order to better understand the make up and functions of the center, Sheffler explained the center is composed of four major portions or functions.

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Are beauty pageants really that bad?

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

As I began writing my two-part piece on this year's Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, several of my peers approached me to voice their concern (i.e. their hatred) of pageants.

Every year the same arguments arise about the validity of pageants and what it teaches women. Numerous women's organizations have publicly bashed pageants and their causes. Other companies go as far as not hiring any pageant winners or participants. Therefore, I decided to find out exactly what is so wrong about beauty pageants. It seems my answer lay in the question.

In doing research for this topic, I e-mailed several women across the country who have continuously voiced their complaints with pageants. Each of the women's sole complaint about pageants was that it gives young women the impression beauty is the most important aspect of a female.

Please. As if this were something previously unknown to us. Yes, it is true; beautiful people succeed more often than others. This is not a statement of spite, but of proven fact. But, should we punish those who are born with a more appealing physical appearance? That sounds a little like jealousy to me.

I have never competed in a beauty pageant. Therefore, all of my suppositions concerning beauty pageants are just that - suppositions. I do not know if pageants corrupt those who participate in them. I do not know if the contestants are told that beauty is everything to winning a pageant. Besides talent makes up, what, 20 percent of the vote?

Nevertheless, I tend to look at the positive side of pageants. Several of my friends have participated in pageants throughout their lives, some as early as three- and four-years old. Are they vain people? No. Are they self-absorbed barbie dolls who consider walking and chewing gum a major feat? No.

In essence, these girls are, if anything, more appreciative of their gifts than the rest of us. They realize the benefits of being a beautiful woman. When I mentioned this to those anti-pageant women, they gasped in horror as if finding a benefit in pageants is as sinful as participating in them.

I do see benefits in pageants, however. One of the previous Miss Lady of the Bracelet winners told me after winning the pageant that she would have dropped out of college if it were not for the scholarship she was awarded. I believe this to be the case for most women. Most pageant contestants compete not only for a title, but also for a substantial amount of prizes and money, which usually takes the form of scholarships. Is this not a benefit?

My advice to those against pageants? Ask one of the winners of the Miss America pageant what her looks awarded her. When she says a full paid scholarship to Harvard, you'll have your answer to why beauty pageants should stick around.

Columnist ponders meaning of life

Shawntell Lewis
Sauce Columnist

In "After the Tassel is Moved," a book published by Louis Caldwell, I ran across a story that truly expresses the meaning of living a purposeful and fulfilling life. In the biography section of Watson Library you could probably find a biography of David Livingstone, the famous missionary, whose love for humanity directed the course of his life. Few people knew that he had a brother, John Livingstone, who became one of the wealthiest men in Ontario.

Both boys grew up together in a Scottish home with the benefits of the same instruction, but each setting his heart on accomplishing different goals. John decided to gain wealth, but David, on the other hand, made up his mind to answer the call of Christ. John did indeed reach his goal and he enjoyed a comfortable life of luxury, with all of the finest things that this world had to offer him.

David reached his goal, too, and after giving his life to introduce Christianity to the people of Africa, he died there in a dirty hut. When John died, his demise was reported in a few words in the obituary column. Ironically, the only distinction given him was that of identifying him as the brother of David Livingstone! Now, I ask you which brother had the richer life? Some would argue that John had the richer life because he possessed more material things than his brother did.

Contrary to popular belief, life is not all about what we can obtain for our own personal gain. It is good to have nice belongings but it is not wise to seek these things instead of seeking God's will for your life. We as college students need to first get our priorities in order and realize that it is not about who we are or who we think we are.

Instead of seeking unhealthy relationships, an important status on campus, popularity with the "right" crowd, and seeking to please our flesh we need to live our lives pleasing unto the Author and Finisher of our faith. Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all of its righteousness and all of these things will be added unto you."

Jesus is not unaware of our materialistic needs. He has already given us the keys to prosperity but our goals must be properly focused. In Luke 12:15, Jesus reminds us, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." For true success is not about the riches you obtain that matters but it is the anointing on your life that makes all the difference in the world.

Rudyard Kipling once addressed a graduation class in Canada. In his speech Kipling cautioned: "Don't put too much emphasis on fame and fortune. Some day you will meet a man who needs none of these things, and then you will know how poor you are."

Our lives should be governed by a passion to please Christ, and energized by the Holy Spirit's daily influence upon our dreams, preparation, associations, and activities. Let's rid ourselves of greed and fill our hearts with Christian character by giving more and receiving less.

Letter to the Editor

While attending NSU's Fall '98 graduation ceremony, I realized something that I believe should be brought to everyone's attention. The first thing that I noticed was the Christian prayer said at the beginning of the ceremony.

I have nothing against prayer, but since this wasn't a religious gathering, there was no way to tell if any of the graduates were or were not of some other spirituality; in other words, it is fairly guaranteed that not all the graduates, who the ceremony was all about, are Christian. I know that at my graduation I wouldn't appreciate such a prayer, at this time of my celebration, being said over me. However, I imagined myself voicing my concerns to the people who run the event (when it came time for my graduation). They would probably tell me that they would try to make the prayer more general, to try to include everyone. Or they might tell me that if I had that much of a problem with it then I could say a separate prayer, suitable to those of my own spirituality. However, my terminal shyness does not permit this. So, this seemed to be the end of the story.

However, the second thing I noticed was that at the end of the graduation, as the graduates walked out, the band played "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The band should have played music appropriate to all the graduates - this is obvious isn't it? This Christmas song seemed a clear violation of that.

The most saddening thing about this issue is that most people don't even realize that incidents such as these go on. They don't realize that what is seemingly normal and fine to them is to others at best, quite strange and annoying and at worst, the continued attempt at non-validating their beliefs.

And most importantly, they don't realize their freedom of religion doesn't just mean you can be Catholic or Anglican or Greek Orthodox etc. if you wish; it means that you can be something out of the league of Christian spirituality completely. There are those of us who have taken that option, either by continuing to follow the spirituality of our parents or by deciding to change to a spirituality different than that which we were taught, and we do notice incidents such as the ones described here and are somewhat disturbed by them.

I sincerely hope this letter proves at least a little bit enlightening.

Thank you for your attention,

Marcie Kimball

Write to the Editor and become a hated person on campus.

Financial Aid: A job with a deeper impact

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

In layman's terms that's the office of people who are supposed to assist us with stuff related to money.

In theory, that's the case. Unfortunately, in practice that can't be further from the truth.

As anyone who has dealt with the Financial Aid Office knows, they would respond to such a claim, "That's impossible."

Of course, the Financial Aid Office knows the experiences of each student on campus. They are always right, and we, the student, are always wrong.

Speaking from personal experience, the Financial Aid Office appears to do more harm than good.

After waiting in line for over an hour like a lamb to the slaughter during fee payment, I was greeted with a blank face and a cold response indicating that my student loan not only wasn't in, but in fact wasn't even on file.

I inquired into why I suddenly found myself in this situation after two years of receiving a loan with little or no problem.

I was simply handed more paperwork and told to step aside.

Questioning why these papers hadn't been mailed to me since Financial Aid knew that I needed the loan, I received no answer.

Did they not know or not want to answer?

My story is only one among many. Luckily, my stomach made a good transition to living off food purchased by money found between the cushions of my couch.

Other students may not have been so fortunate.

Countless people on campus have no loans, no scholarships, or the wrong loans and scholarships.

I know students who have holds on their accounts because they are still awaiting TOPS scholarships from last semester.

Would someone in Financial Aid write a letter to my landlord saying that I'm good for rent?

Needless to say, she won't put a hold on my account. She'll simply hand me an eviction notice.

I'm not upset just because I can no longer make frequent trips to the Chinese buffet. I'm just a little worried about where to hang the pictures when I start living out of my car.

What may seem like another day in the office for some, truly is a nightmare for others.

I could understand Financial Aid making a mistake or two with 5,000 students, but the problems are much more wide spread.

It would seem to me that Financial Aid would have a strong interest in aiding students. The money students receive goes to pay tuition, which in turn pays the salaries of those working in the Financial Aid Office.

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp

Do you have an opinion that you would like to express in *The Current Sauce*? Call 357-5456 or 357-5381 for more information

A&E

New Editor of A&E Page

Starting this week I, Josh Beavers, am taking over as the new editor of the A&E page for the Current Sauce.

I am excited and looking forward to taking on the challenge of the page. My main goal is to bring diversity and change to the page.

In recent years this page has fallen into a bit of a rut and I feel that this must be changed. In addition to more entertainment stories on and around the campus, the page will also feature stories on all major national entertainment events, movie and music reviews and sometimes special topics such as the fascination our country has with professional wrestling.

We are open to any idea you may have. Remember this is your paper, so anyone with an idea or a story for the page should feel free to contact me at the Sauce office at 357-5384, or at my home number 357-4388. Their are also weekly Sauce meetings at 2:00 on Tuesdays in room 225 of Kyser Hall.

If you go to a movie, listen to a new CD, go to a play, play a new video game or anything else that deals with the arts or entertainment write a review of it, whatever you think, and turn it in. You will get paid for this and the money you spend on say a movie ticket will be pay for itself.

You have nothing to lose and the satisfaction of seeing your name in the paper and the joy of having your pocket laced with money.

You can reach Josh at 357-4388 or call *The Current Sauce* offices at 357-5384.

Golden Globes full of surprises

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Steven Spielberg's W.W.II epic *Saving Private Ryan,* and a quirky comedy about the greatest playwrights of all time were the big winners Sunday night at the 56th annual Hollywood Foreign Press Golden Globe Awards.

Saving Private Ryan won the top prize of the night by being named Best Dramatic Motion Picture and Spielberg himself was named Best Director. On the other side of the movie spectrum, John Madden's (no, not that John Madden) *Shakespeare in Love* won for Best Motion Picture Comedy and Best Screenplay.

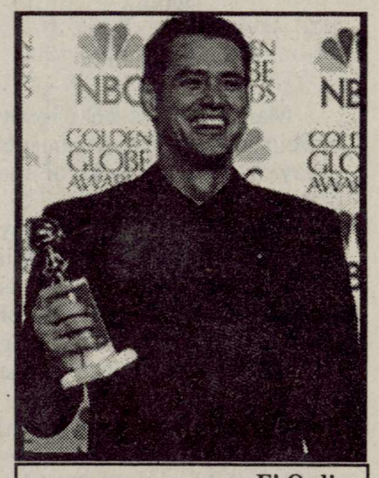
Ryan star Tom Hanks did not win Best Dramatic Actor for his portrayal of school teacher turned Army Captain, however. That honor went to funny man turned straight Jim Carrey for playing the role of a man whose life is a 24-hour a day event in *The Truman Show.*

E! Online
***Felicity's* Keri Russell rejoices after her surprise victory in the Best Television Actress in a Drama category.**

Rounding out the motion picture awards were Gwyneth Paltrow as Best Actress in a Comedy for *Shakespeare in Love,* Michael Caine as Best Actor in a Comedy for *Little Voice,* Cate Blanchett as Best Actress in a Drama for *Elizabeth,* Lynn Redgrave as Best Supporting Actress for *Gods and Monsters* and Ed Harris as Best Supporting Actor in *The Truman Show.*

ABC's *The Practice* won for Best Television Drama. Dylan McDermott, its star, took home the award for Best Television Actor in a Drama. Jenna Elfman was named Best Television Actress in a Comedy for her role in *Dharma and Greg,* Michael J. Fox won Best Television Actor in a Comedy for *Spin City* and Fox's *Ally McBeal* took home the award for Best Television Comedy. Keri Russell, in a huge surprise win, was chosen Best Television Actress in a Drama for the sleeper freshman hit *Felicity.*

HBO made a clean sweep in the Best Miniseries or Made for TV Movie category as Tom Hanks' 12 part series, *From Earth to the Moon*, was named Best Miniseries, Angelina Jolie was named Best Actress for *Gia*



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Jim Carrey is all smiles after receiving the award for the Best Actor in a Dramatic Motion Picture.

and Stanley Tucci was named Best Actor for *Winchell.*

Several time Golden Globe winner Jack Nicholson won the Cecil B. Demille Lifetime Achievement Award for his four decades of film excellence.

Portishead live from Roseland in NY

.Amy Haney
Staff Reporter

Portishead
Roseland NYC Live
Polygram Records

Portishead has surprised all their critics by releasing a live album that rivals their studio recordings.

For those of you unfamiliar with the band, Portishead follows in the tradition of Massive Attack and Morcheeba with a sensual, strange, trip-hop sound. Composed of singer Beth Gibbons and Geoff Barrow, some speculated that Portishead would never be able to recreate the sound on their albums in a live performance. Well, anyone left with those doubts hasn't heard *Roseland NYC Live.*

The album covers songs from both *Dummy* and Portishead's latest, self-titled CD. *Roseland NYC Live* could be called a "best of Portishead," even though the band has only released two albums.

Old favorites get a makeover on *Roseland NYC Live.* Gibbons, backed by an orchestra, leads us down the wounded lover track "Glory Box" with as much melancholy as the studio version, but with slight alterations. "Sour Times" slows down and relies heavily on synthesizer and guitar to support Gibbons' chameleon voice as she moves smoothly from vocal effects to her clear, moving, unadulterated voice. "Mysterons" is supported by heartbeat-like drums and is even more sensual than the studio version.

Portishead didn't forget to remind their fans of the new album, including the eerie "Humming" and "All Mine," complete with a groovy horn section and the original slow, thumping drumbeat.

Roseland NYC Live achieves live a sound other bands can only capture in a studio. Quality, not quantity, seems to be Portishead's motto, and this live CD proves that their quality is only improving with age.

Top weekend movies

Paramount Pictures *Varsity Blues* was the top grossing movie at the box office for the second straight weekend by taking in $10.6 million.

James Van Der Beek, star of *Dawson's Creek*, is featured in this story of a football player in a Texas town.

Coming in at second place was the Robin Williams' dramedy *Patch Adams* with $8.1 million.

At number three was the John Travolta thriller *A Civil Action* with $7.6 million.

Travolta plays a sleazy personal injury attorney who develops a conscious and takes on a seemingly impossible case against two major corporations.

Number four was the star-studded World War II epic about the Battle of Guadalcanal *The Thin Red Line* with $5.8 million.

And in fifth place was the Susan Sarandon - Julia Roberts tear-jerker *Stepmom* with $5.1 million.

Rounding out the top 10 were *At First Sight*, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in *You've Got Mail,* the animated *The Prince of Egypt, Shakespeare in Love* and Billy Bob Thornton and Bill Paxton in *A Simple Plan.*

The *Thin Red Line* edges out *Private Ryan*

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

The Thin Red Line
Twentieth Century Fox

Last Summer Steven Spielberg's WWII epic *Saving Private Ryan* burst onto movie screens worldwide. *Ryan* was hailed as the most realistic, greatest war movie ever. Fans and critics alike decided that this film was to be the Best Picture of the Year winner come Oscar night '99.

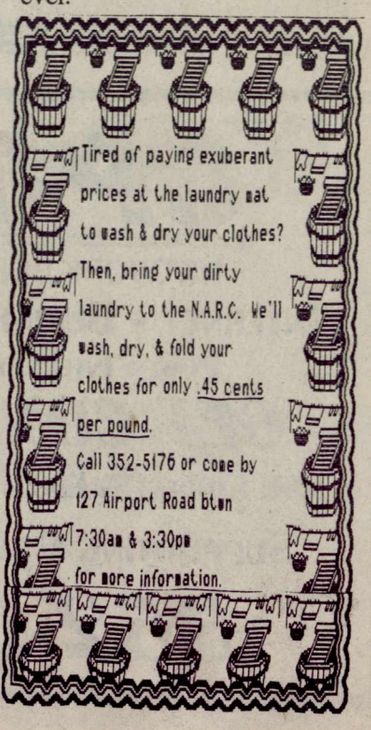
Now, less than six months later, another WWII epic, *The Thin Red Line*, has debuted across the globe and, to put it simply, *The Thin Red Line* should be *Saving Private Ryan* from one thing—carrying home that Oscar for Best Picture when the Academy Awards come around in March.

Line is set during the Battle of Guadalcanal, when the US turned the tide of the war in the Pacific, much like *Ryan's* Normandy invasion that led to victory in Europe. The audience is introduced to a star-studded ensemble cast of characters that includes Sean Penn, Nick Nolte, John Travolta, George Clooney, John Cusack and Woody Harrelson. No specific character is singled out as the main star and each has his own demons to exorcise from the horrors of war.

Unlike *Ryan, Line* has no set plot. That may sound like a bad thing, but here it works beautifully. A group of soldiers has a mission to complete. If they don't succeed, life as we know it will end. They must deal with the hell on earth that is war. They have to continue their mission even though they see their friends torn down by the enemy.

Director Terrence Malick, who has not directed since 1978's *Days of Heaven,* has done a tremendous job adapting James Jones' 1962 novel into a philosophical vision of war. Through the unparalleled use of the camera and character voice-overs interlaced at different intervals during the film, Malick has given what many say is an even more realistic portrayal of war than Spielberg did in *Ryan.* Malick shows the thin line—or the thin red line— between nature and the atrocities of war, how civilization could be and in some ways is. (Pay close attention to the scenes towards the end of the movie in the native village.)

Everything about the movie, the writing, the cinematography, the score and the outstanding performances, especially from Penn, Nolte and relative newcomer Adrien Brody, ties together to make Twentieth Century Fox's *The Thin Red Line* not just one of the best films of the year but perhaps one of the best films ever.



Summer Employment:

YMCA

YMCA Christian children's camp representatives will be on your campus on February 2, 1999 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the second floor of the Student Center in front of the cafeteria. We will be interviewing and accepting applications for variety of camp staff positions. YMCA Camp Cullen is a children's camp located on beautiful Lake Livingston in Trinity, Texas. Applicants need experience working with children and have a love of the outdoors. Come by and visit us at our table and see a video of our camp.

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No Big Easy Mardi Gras? No problem

Local parades offer Mardi Gras fun without the long drive

Kelle Head
Staff Reporter
with
Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Mardi Gras is an eagerly anticipated event that students enjoy in various parts of the state.

Some students plan to enjoy New Orleans during Mardi Gras. However, many students do not have the time,money, or arrangements to make the long trek from Natchitoches to the Big Easy.

For those students, though, there is hope. Several cities will be celebrating Fat Tuesday either close to or in the Natchitoches area.

The weekends in January and February are filled with parades in many areas of Louisiana such as Natchitoches, Shreveport, and Alexandria.

Although some Natchitoches residents have celebrated Mardi Gras with a ball in the past, this year Natchitoches will feature a parade.

The first ever Mardi Gras parade in Natchitoches will take place on February 13. Several floats from the Shreveport Krewe of Centaur will participate in the parade.

The parade will start at 5 p.m. in East Natchitoches on Highway 1, cross the Keyser bridge, proceed up Front Street, and end up in the Police Jury parking lot on Third Street.

"We will have a no-throw zone on the Keyser bridge because we don't want people jumping for beads on the bridge," parade Captain Diane Wittingham said.

Following the parade, a band will provide entertainment on the Riverfront.

Natchitoches native and country music artist Trini Triggs will be the Grand Marshall of the 5th annual Alexandria Mardi Gras parade.

The parade will begin at 3 p.m. on February 14. The parade will start at Huddle Elementary School on Maryland Avenue and will end up on South Mall drive at around 5:30 p.m.

The best place to view the parade will be on North Boulevard between Target and Books-a-Million, according to Alexandria Mardi Gras Association President Colleen P. Hursey.

"We expect 80,000 to 100,000 spectators this year," Hursey added.

Other parades in Shreveport and Bossier City entertain people from North Louisiana. The Krewe of Gemini and Krewe of Centaur lead parades through the streets of the twin cities.

The Krewe of Centaur will hold its parade on February 6 starting at 5 p.m. The parade will begin at the Pierre Bossier mall in Shreveport and will end on Raely Lane in Shreveport.

The Krewe of Gemini will have a parade on February 13 at 5 p.m. This parade will take the same route as the Centaur parade, but will begin in Shreveport instead of Bossier. There is no admission fee to either parade.

Mardi Gras parades in Nortwestern Lousisiana are young in comparison to the famous parades of New Orleans.

However, they provide area residents and NSU students with the same festive atmosphere that is found in New Orleans without having to make the long drive.

Area Mardi Gras parades

Natchitoches
Date: Feb. 13, 1999
Time: parade starts at 5:00 p.m.; band on riverfront starts at 7:00 p.m.
Route: Starts on Hwy. 1 South, crosses the Keyser bridge and proceeds up Front Street

Alexandria
Date: Feb. 14, 1999
Time: 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Route: Starts on Maryland Avenue, proceeds down Texas Avenue to Masonic; ends on South Mall Drive

Shreveport
Date: Krewe of Centaur--Feb. 6, 1999
Krewe of Gemini--Feb. 13, 1999
Time: Both start at 5 p.m.
Route: Krewe of Centaur begins at Pierre Bossier Mall and ends on Raely Lane in Shreveport; Gemini takes the reverse route

40th Lady of the Bracelet to be biggest yet

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

Preparations for the 1999 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant are well under way, according to Liz Carrol, director of student activities.

Carrol said the actual planning involved in the pageant began a year ago with phone calls and letters to previous Miss LOB winners.

Each of the winners was invited to attend this year's pageant and to participate in one of its entertainment segments. Arrangements continued throughout the year as seven contestants were chosen for this year's pageant.

The entertainment will be provided by the NSU Jazz Band, the LOB Dancers, Miss Louisiana, Demon Dazzlers, and a vocal performance from Michael Rorex, professor of music. Rehearsals began before the Christmas break, according to Ed Brazo, choreographer of the pageant.

"This year's pageant is going to be a little different," Brazo said.

Brazo, who has choreographed the pageant for six years, continued that this year's pageant does not have an acutal theme like last year's "Rockin' with LOB."

Instead, the pageant will celebrate the 40th anniversary.

The contestants for the pageant have also begun their own preparations with the help of the Student Activities Board.

The SAB hosted several meetings for the seven contestants to assist them with the various aspects of the pageant.

Carrol, who is also the sponsor of SAB, said that mock interviews were held in which several University staff and faculty members asked questions of the participants similar to those that will be asked at the pageant.

"We work with the girls on the different parts of the pageant, like swimsuit, evening wear, and talent to get them ready," Carrol continued. "We also help them in developing their platforms."

Carrol, who has worked on the Miss LOB pageants for 12 years, said the all of the contestants have voiced their excitement in meeting former Miss LOB winners.

The seven contestants and eighteen of the forty earlier Miss LOB's will participate in a musical number together at the pageant.

"Several of the ladies were nervous about being on the stage again," Carrol said. "But, they are very excited and honored to have been invited to attend and participate in this year's pageant."

Both Carrol and Brazo expect a huge turn- out for the pageant which will be held on Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in A.A. Frederick's auditorium.

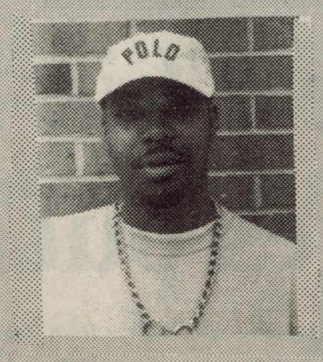
"We always have good entertainment from all of the participants," Brazo said. "This year is no different. The show is just getting better and better."

"Current Quotes"

"Which do you prefer: WCW or WWF?"

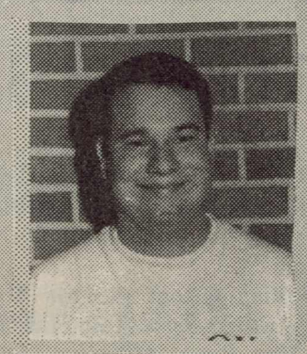
" My favorite would have to be WCW just because Goldberg's my favorite and that's the one he's on."

Beverly Haire
Freshman



"WCW is a lot better than WWF because WWF seems more like a soap opera."

George Jackson
Sophomore



"I like WWF better because it has better story lines than WCW. In the WCW, all Goldberg does is come out and say, 'You're next.' WWF has Stone Cold Steve Austin and 3:16 coming out there saying 'I'm going to whoop your a--!'"

James Creswell
Junior

"One word--Goldberg!"

Morris Brossette
Senior

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7-0 and still on top

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons entered last week's action boasting the best record in the Southland Conference, a perfect 5-0 mark, and riding a huge momentum-building winning streak.

And the question that was running through everyone's mind was whether it will continue with Nicholls State and Northeast Louisiana set to invade Prather Coliseum. Now, after all has been said and done, the question has been answered.

The Nicholls State Lady Colonels came calling Thursday night, and were greeted quite rudely by the hosts as they lost 76-63. The Lady Demons sprinted to a 17-point halftime advantage and never looked back.

Northwestern utilized 47 percent shooting from the field for the game, blasting the Lady Colonels in front of crowd of 1173.

The Lady Demons had four players in double figures on the evening, paced by Louise Chase's double-double performance of 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Kia Converse led all scorers with 16 points, while Sonya Bearden and Judy Clark both chipped in 10 apiece. Northwestern also got an outstanding performance on the boards from Jamila Newman, who had 9 points to go along with her 10 rebounds.

Jennifer Price came off the bench to contribute 5 assists, while the Lady Demons received solid performances at the charity stripe off the bench from both Jennifer Graf and Anna Means.

Earlier this season in Southland Conference play, the Northeast Louisiana Lady Indians had dreams and aspirations of being at the top of the women's basketball standings, sharing the honor with NSU, UT-Arlington, and Stephen F. Austin.

Since that time, Stephen F. Austin has fallen out of the ranks, losing its past three games; UT-Arlington trounced Northeast earlier this season in Arlington, and then on Saturday Northwestern took their turn at battering poor NLU, 67-46 in front of 1430 fans at Prather Coliseum.

Northwestern avenges one of three losses to NLU last season, all by a combined 7 points.

NSU was led by Judy Clark, who matched her career high 31 points, which was set only a week earlier.

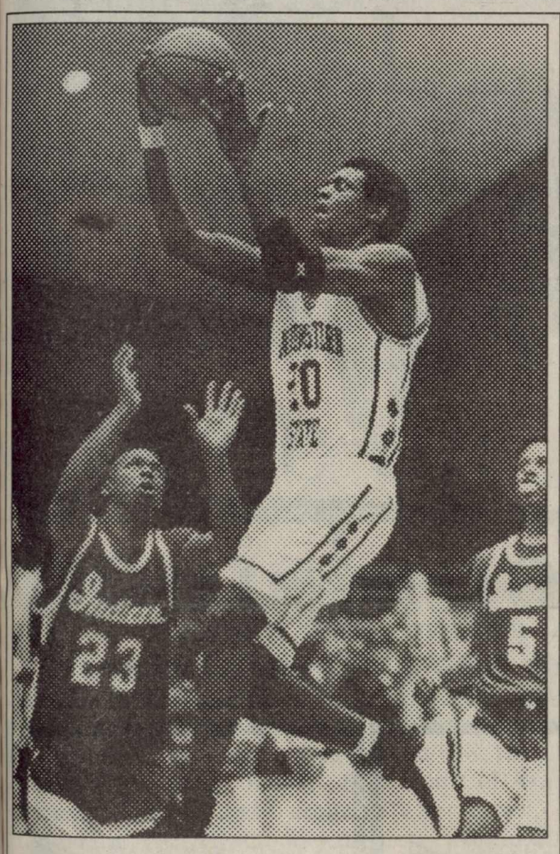
Kia Converse had a career high 20 rebounds, to go along with 13 points as well. Converse became only the seventh player in the 25-year history of Lady Demon basketball to record 20 boards in a game.

The Lady Demons (12-3, 7-0 SLC) are now riding an eight game winning streak, comparable to UT-Arlington's eight game winning streak earlier this season. But Northwestern dashed away that streak with a road win in Arlington, and now it's Northwestern's turn to hit the road with a big, winning streak.

NSU travels on Thursday to San Marcos, Texas for a date with Southwest Texas State, before heading farther down I-35 to tangle with UT-San Antonio on Saturday night.

The Lady Demons return home to Prather Coliseum on Feb. 1, for a three game homestand with Southeastern Louisiana, SWT, and UTSA.

There's a lot of basketball yet to be played this season; however, with the way the Lady Demons are playing right now, one cannot help but look forward to the final two home games of the year, against UT-Arlington (6-1 SLC) and Stephen F. Austin (4-3 SLC).



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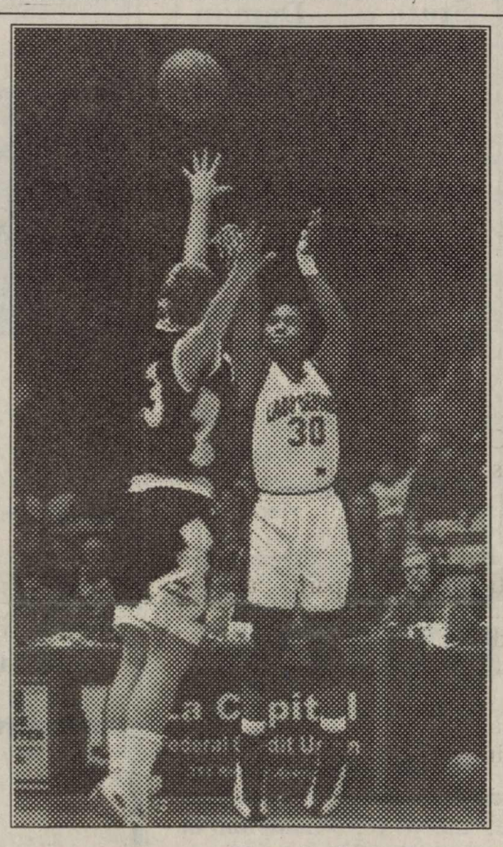
Will Burks shoots a lay-up against two Indian defenders.



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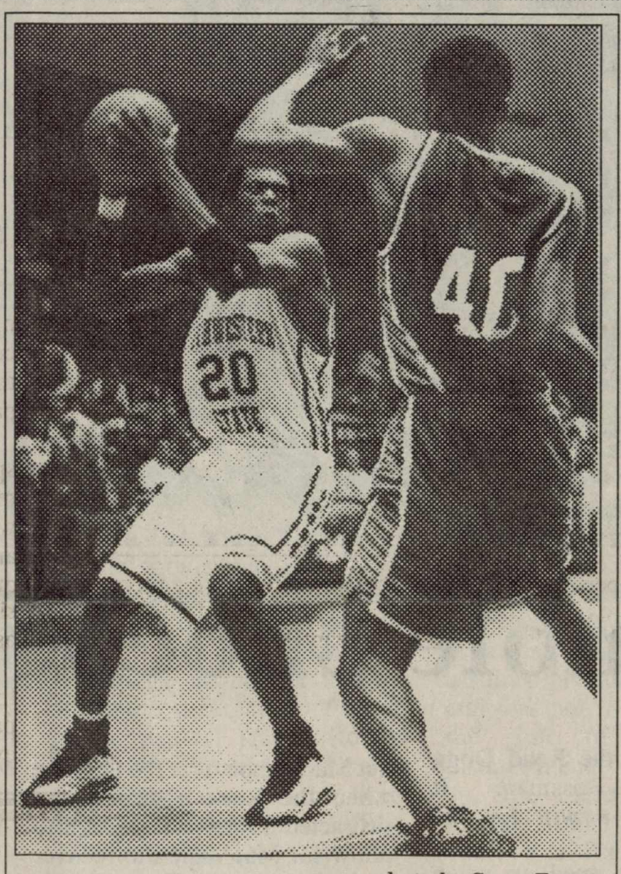
Kia Converse rips a three-pointer in Saturday 67-46 win over Northeast Louisiana.



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Will Burks tries to throw his opponent off guard.

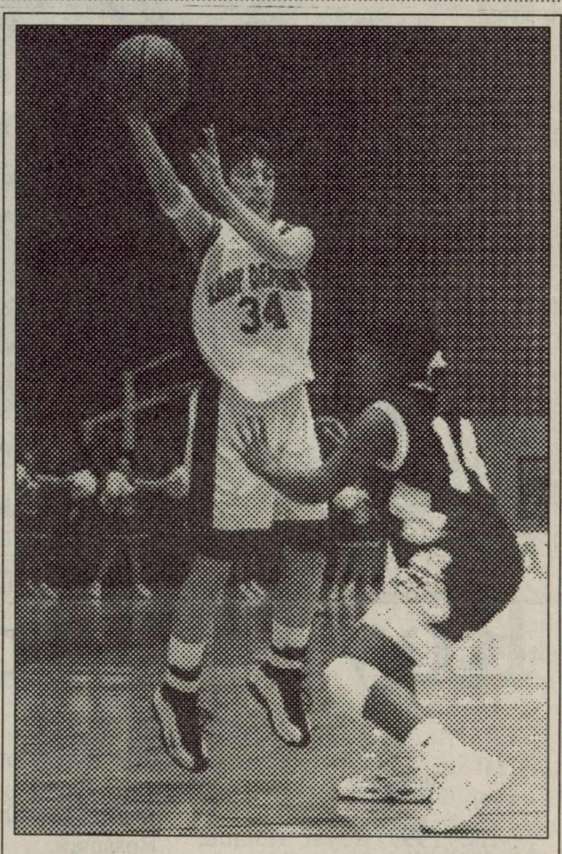

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Judy Clark psyches out Katrina Barnett as she goes for the goal.

Burks fires off shot and block in 63-62 upset

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

This team is for real.

The Demons ended a week of near-misses, almosts and not-quites Saturday with a dramatic 63-62 win over Conference leading Northeast Louisiana.

Will Burks had the game-high 18 points, but it was his last two which were the most important. Burks game-winning shot with 8 seconds capped off the wild finish of the second half, which at one point saw the Demons behind by 12 with about 8 minutes left.

"It was our specialty play," Burks said after the game. "(Ryan) Duplesis set a good pick, (Amidd) Sardinea got me Demons at 4-3 in conference, while Northeast picked up its first conference loss. They are now 8-1.

"Oklahoma State got us ready," point guard Josh Hancock said. "This is a big win for us, especially coming off the loss Thursday. It's a real booster going on the road."

The loss Hancock was referring to was the 70-65 loss to Nicholls State, a game which was still in doubt with about a minute left to play.

The Demons tried to erase any thoughts about that game quickly in the first half, jumping out to a quick 6-0 lead. NLU evaporated that lead in a matter of minutes and captured its first lead of the game.

left, leading 18-19. After that, Northeast widened its lead to end the first half with a 32-28 lead.

The size of Northeast on the inside was causing problems for the Demons. The Indians had nine total blocks, five of which from the center Wojciech Myrda. The Indians also caused 13 turnovers in the first half.

In the second half, NLU increased its lead to nearly 10 points early on, but the Demons responded, going on a 9-0 run to retake the lead at about the 15 minute mark.

After that, the momentum greatly shifted towards NLU. After retaking the lead, NLU went on a 7-0 run and stretched the lead to 41-51. At one point, minutes left.

"We just had to tighten up our defense," Hancock said "We can easily eat up a 10 point deficit."

Their defense did tighten up, holding the Indians to only 5 points in the last 7 and a half minutes of play.

Despite the apparent mismatch in size, the Demons outrebounded Northeast 46-28, 23 in each half, 28 of which came on the offensive side of the court. The Indians also shot themselves in the foot, missing key free throws down the stretch.

With 2:47 left to go in the game, the Demons trailed by 6, 55-61, when Ryan Duplesis, who would score 11 points in the Sardinea, who netted 10 points in the game, would give NLU its final point to increase the lead 57-62.

After a steal by Duplesis, Amidd Sardinea would cut the lead to 3 points, 59-62.

Two missed free throws by NLU guard Jimmy Walton would keep the game in reach for the Demons.

After another Indian miss, the Demons went to the other end and got 2 points from Allan Polk, who had 10 points in the game.

NLU's Anthony Marc missed a layup with 32 seconds left.

Josh Hancock rebounded the ball and went to the other end to eventually set up the

After Burks' game-winner, the last-second shot by NLU's Jimmy Walton was blocked by Burks.

"We never gave up," Hancock noted.

Burks agrees, saying that the win should give the Demons some respect.

"Hopefully people will see what can happen when we play hard," Burks said. "It always feels good to win especially against a team like Northeast."

Next up for the Demons are two games on the road, first against Southwest Texas, then against UT-San Antonio. The Demons return home on February 1 against Southeastern Louisiana.

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Demon softball slams home

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

While the spring semester may have started, spring will officially begin when the Mississippi State softball team comes to Natchitoches to meet the Northwestern State University Lady Demon softball team in the first softball game of the season.

Even though the Lady Demon softball team had a rough fall season, Coach McNutt seems very enthusiastic about the upcoming spring season. She said that it was actually good that they had a poor fall season, because they always play poorly in the fall.

"We have a good nucleus coming back and good newcomers joining the team," head coach Gay McNutt said.

The Lady Demons who will be the returning Southland Conference champions, are already picked as number one in the preseason polls.

Other teams will also try to take advantage of the three missing members of the starting lineup. Gone this season are the incredible Peck girls, Jennifer and Tammy, and Becca Allen.

At the same time, the Lady Demons will not be dethroned with any ease. Seven of the ten starters will be back this season, and there is plenty of experienced talent ready to step up and play. The most notable of this talent is Christina Edgar. As a freshman last season, she batted an impressive .203 and is poised to fill the shoes of Becca Allen. With the returning starters, talent prepared to step up, and strong recruits, the Lady Demon softball team is ready to fight any team it is challenged by this season.

One final part of this equation remains—the fans. Coach McNutt does not believe that fans know how important they are.

"Fan support is a crucial part of any athletic program," McNutt continued.

According to McNutt, fans can take an active role by joining the Outfield Club. The 1998 Southland Conference Champions will be in action February 5th at 1 p.m. at home with Mississippi State.

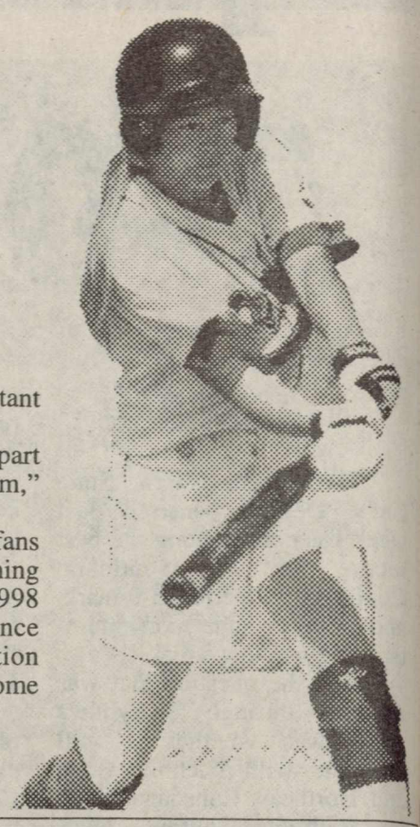
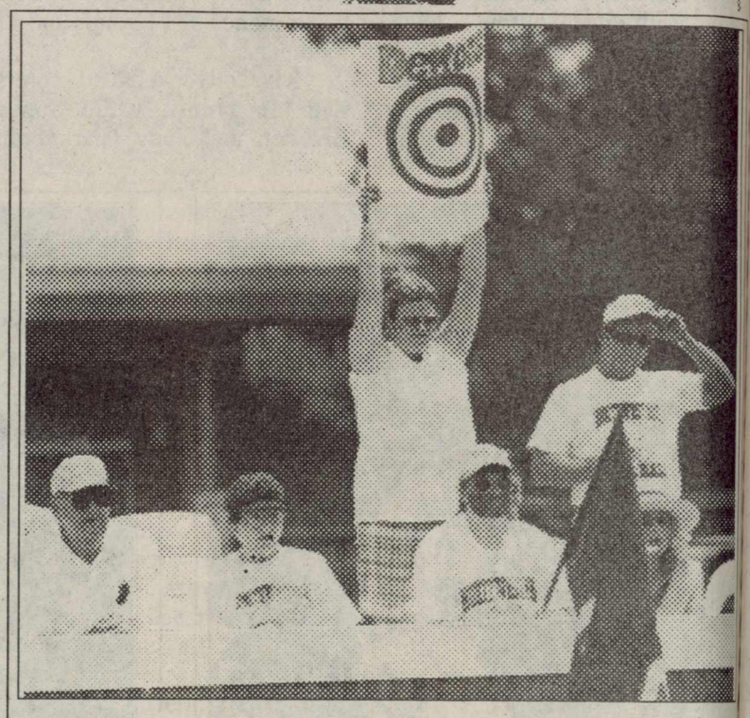


Photo by Gary Hardamon

The 1999 Northwestern State Demon Softball Team will be in action February 5 at 1 p.m. when they take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Last year, the Demons went all the way, winning the Southland Conference Tournament.



News Bureau

Many fans showed their support in the Outfield Club behind the center field wall.

Royal Rumble shocks many

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

The 1999 Royal Rumble opened rather slow with a non-title match of the Road Dogg and the Big Bossman. It resulted with a win for the Bossman.

Match two sped up when the Intercontinental Championship was laid on the line as Ken Shamrock met Billy Gunn for the title. Despite interference from Val Venis, Shamrock remains the most dangerous man on Earth as he kept his title.

In the third match, X-Pac put up a major fight against Gangrel and with help from the X-Factor move, he held onto the European Championship title.

Though Luna put a back-breaker on her earlier on Heat, Sable still kept the Women's Championship Title as she won an awesome strap match.

Finally, the WWF Championship Title match came about and Mankind added being electrocuted to his repertoire. The match resulted in a taped voice saying "I quit, I quit, I quit!" Ha, the Rock stole his title back.

The Royal Rumble officially got underway with the breaking of glass to signify that Stone Cold Steve Austin was entering the ring. It was a beautiful site as he took to the ring to meet WWF owner Vince Macmahon. The fight that ensued was quick, and Stone Cold beat the owner of the WWF senseless.

As the buzzer went off and Golga came out to claim the $100,000 reward on Austin's head, Macmahon slid out under the bottom rope and Stone Cold followed. He chased MacMahon into the women's restroom where the rest of the Corporation members were waiting to ambush him. He was beaten unconscious and taken away in an ambulance.

He returned to "everyone's surprise" driving the ambulance and looking for MacMahon. Needless to say, it came down to Stone Cold and MacMahon in the ring. Stone Cold nailed him with a Stunner and then hit him again with an elbow from the top rope. He was just about to get MacMahon over the top rope when the Rock appeared and distracted Stone Cold enough to allow for MacMahon to recover and throw the "Texas Rattle Snake" Stone Cold Steve Austin over the top rope to win the Royal Rumble. He will now meet the WWF champion at WrestleMania XV.

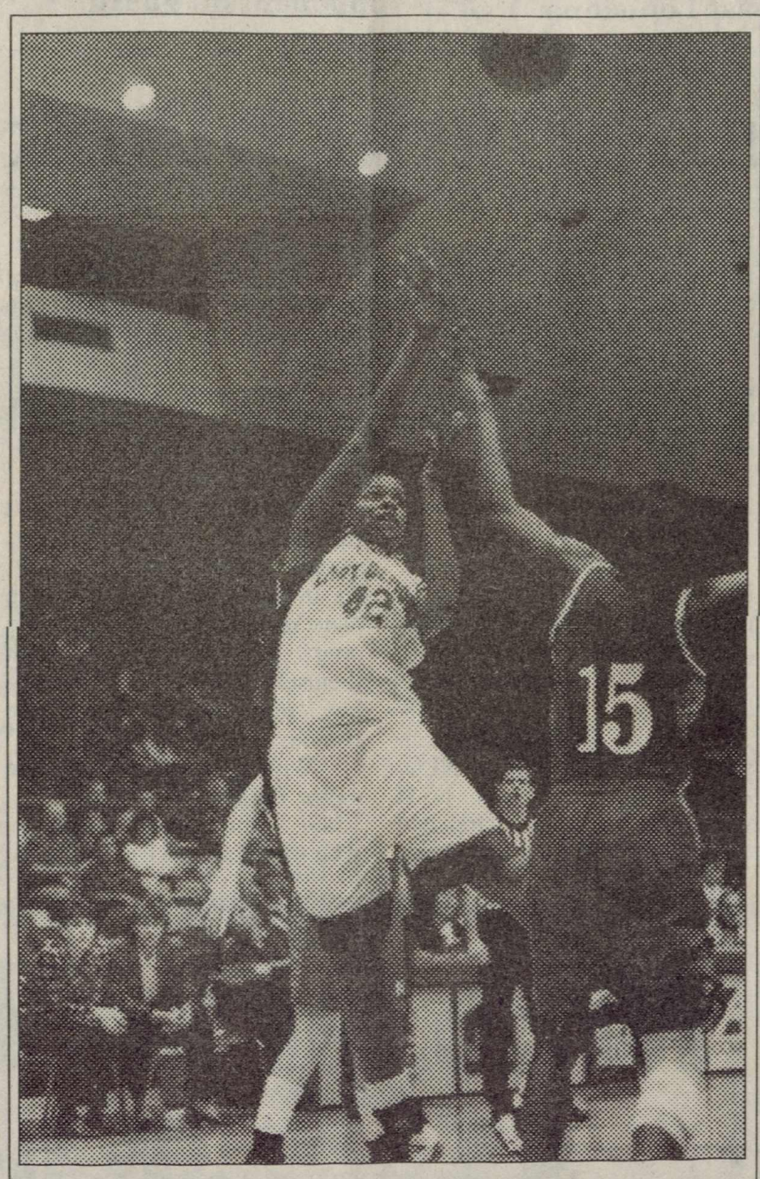


Photo by Ben Scroggs

Jamila Newman get the layup past a Nicholls State player in Thursday's 76-63 massacre.

At the wire.....

From News reports

Record Crowd watches Jordan-less Game

A near-capacity United Center crowd greeted the Michael Jordan-less Chicago Bulls on Sunday with a heartening roar and the post-lockout NBA with boos directed only at hated rival Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers.

In an arena where six championship banners and Jordan's retired No. 23 jersey hang from the rafters, the Pacers, the Bulls' heirs apparent, held on for a 79-71 exhibition victory as a new era for the league and coach Tim Floyd's young and starless Bulls tipped off.

Who will replace Gretzky?

The 1999 NHL All-Star Game will be remembered as the No. 99 game.

In a weekend when talk centered on who might replace Wayne Gretzky as the NHL's spotlight player when he retires, the Great One re-created his magic one more time to record one goal, two assists and win the car as the game's MVP. Gretzky helped the North Americans defeat the World team 8-6.

Teammate Mike Modano scored a goal and contributed three assists. Gretzky holds the record of 25 All-Star points, but this is his first MVP award since 1989. He also was MVP in 1983.

Student Athlete of the Week

Will Burks
Basketball

The sophomore forward hit 18 points and rebounded the ball 10 times recording a double-double in a 63-62 victory over first place Northeast Louisiana. Burks also contributed the game winning block. The Demons increased their record to 9-8 and 4-3 in the Southland Conference.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Basketball
SLU
February 1@7:30 p.m.

Student Athlete of the Week

Kia Converse
Women's Basketball

The junior guard scored 13 points to give the Lady Demons a commanding 67-46 edge against the SFA LadyJacks. Converse also had 20 rebounds, and is one of seven player in school history to achieve that feat. The Lady Demons move to 12-3 and 7-0 in the conference.

Upcoming Home Contests
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Congratulations to Jim McLain for your years of service to Northwestern State University Athletics

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NSU pays for $1 million mistake

Donald Gervais
Staff Reporter

The students, faculty and staff of the University, as well as the taxpayers of Louisiana were presented a $456, 443 bill from the U.S. Department of Education Sept. 14, 1998.

The amount due is a result of improper disbursement of Title IV funds by the University's Office of Student Financial Aid over the period of July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

The total amount to be paid, according to the agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the University, is for one payment of $467,863.20 due March 1 or two payments, totaling $471,669.43.

According to a report obtained from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor the Northwestern State University is in debt to the Federal Government for $456, 443 due to improperly disbursed Title IV funds. Title IV funds encompass various financial aid programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The programs include: Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Stafford Loans and Federal Perkins Loans.

The findings were a result of a 1995-1996 fiscal audit conducted by the State Legislative Auditor's Office. The results of that state audit were forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education and prompted a request that the University perform certain procedures to determine the amount of improperly disbursed Title IV funds.

On July 26, 1998, the University's Director of Financial Aid, Gill Gilson, reported $957, 832 of improperly disbursed Title IV funds to the U.S. Department of Education. On Aug. 31,1998, The U.S. Department of Education issued a final determination letter stating that the University would have to repay $456,443. The University received the letter Sept. 14, 1998.

"The University intends to liquidate this deficit with future financial resources," according to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's report.

"As grantor of the Title IV funds, the University is responsible to monitor that the students meet the Federal requirements," stated Robbie Robinson, Director of Finance and Compliance at the State Legislative Auditor's Office. "The University did not satisfactorily monitor the progress of the students that were receiving the Title IV funds in either hours or academic progress."

Robinson helped prepare the initial report.

The University is in a unique position facing the findings because this is not a common occurrence.

"This is not common and to my knowledge no other state university has faced this," Robinson said.

Robinson said there are no pending investigations to his knowledge.

Gilson was Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at the time of the improper disbursements. Robert Crew, replaced Gilson as director on Nov. 29, 1998.

When reached by telephone Gilson refused comment.

"Ask any questions to Dr. Seymour," Gilson said.

Dr. Dan Seymour, Vice President of Student Affairs, oversees the Office of Student Financial Aid. Dr. Seymour assumed his duties in Jan. 1998 and was not in that position at the time of the improper disbursements.

The Vice President of Student Affairs at the time of the audit was Fred Fulton, who retired in Jan. 1998. Gilson remains on the University payroll in a position at the University's Shreveport campus as assistant for Support Services.

Seymour said the findings were a result of inaccurate monitoring of student hours attempted, hours passed as well as the determination of students' GPA.

In an interview with Crew and Ken Posey, assistant director of Student Financial Aid, a detailed explanation of the findings was presented. The findings of inappropriate disbursement were a result of numerous factors.

"The federal program requires student meet quantity and quality standards to receive Title IV funds," Posey said. "The automated computer program used to calculate the student GPA did not include the replaced grades.Students who received a low or failing grade were allowed to replace that grade when they repeated the class with the higher grade attained. According to the University's policy, the lower grade was dropped in determining overall student GPA. The Federal rules for Title IV required that the replaced grade and repeat grade be used

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Heath Crawford

High water from Chaplain's Lake nearly covered the boat house. Heavy rainfall on Friday caused widespread flooding throughout most of Natchitoches, Winn and Sabine parishes.

Floods wreak havoc on Louisiana

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Flash floods and heavy rainfall wreaked havoc on several north and central Louisiana parishes, making driving an adventure and contributing to one man's death.

Natchitoches, Winn and Sabine parishes appeared to be the hardest hit, with reports of widespread flooding. All schools in the three parishes, including the University were closed Friday to high water.

Some areas of Natchitoches Parish reportedly received up to 10 inches of rain. Other parishes reportedly had up to 7 inches of rain.

Flooding forced some residents in Clarence and Natchitoches to flee their homes.

Traci Evans, tax collector for Florien, said Friday's flooding was simply unbelievable.

"It has been really devastating," she said.

Frank Thomasee, who works part time for the Florien Water Department, said water was so high at his house he used a boat to pull his wife and children to safety.

"The water was up almost to my porch," Thomasee said. "I can't get my wife's car out."

Sabine Parish officials believe flash flooding played a part in the death of a DeRidder man.

Tommy Martinez, 59, of DeRidder died Friday morning after his vehicle stalled in high water at the entrance of the Boise-Cascade mill near Many around 7 a.m.

"He got out of the vehicle and got up to the gates where he apparently had a heart attack," said Chief Deputy Travis Bennet of the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office.

Authorities spent the entire day responding to calls of weather-related incidents. Police were inundated with calls about vehicles skidding off roadways and minor accidents caused by a downpour of rain.

State Police Troop E reported approximately 3 feet of water covered the roadway on U.S. Hwy. 167 near Packton, south of Winnfield, on Friday afternoon.

Numerous roads were closed Friday night in Winn, Natchitoches and Sabine parishes. Some roads still remain closed.

People can call 1-800-469-4828 for current statewide road closure information.

Luther Lee, chief deputy of the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department, said water covered a number of parish roads as well as Cane River Lake due to high water.

Natchitoches residents on Franklin Lane, in particular, spent the day evacuating homes and piling as many sandbags as they could find.

Louis Fowler, an employee with Valley Farmers Co-op, said there were about 170 sandbags in stock, all of which were sold early Friday morning.

Clarence, just northeast of Natchitoches, was hit hard by flooding.

The entire front yard of Clarence resident Melvin Brunson was flooded Friday. Brunson, who has lived there since July, said he is used to flooding, but this is the first time he has seen it happen at this particular home.

"It takes quite a lot of rain to flood like this," Brunson said. "Fortunately, I don't think it will affect my house."

More than 50 people were evacuated from a housing project in Clarence.

No shelter was opened in Natchitoches Parish as evacuees found shelter with friends and family.

Residents at the Clarence Community Housing Project were awakened to find their yards looked like small lakes.

John Turner said he woke up around 5 a.m. Friday when he realized water had made its way into his house.

Turner, who moved to a local motel to escape the

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La.'s First Lady pays visit to Natchitoches

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Giving children the tools they need to feel good about themselves is one of the champion causes of Louisiana's First Lady.

To spread that message, Alice Foster traveled to Weaver Elementary Wednesday to talk to a kindergarten class and read aloud the "You Are Sunshine" book.

The large, glossy book, written by Shirley L. Porter with a foreward from Foster, stresses the importance of self-esteem.

In its 14 pages are brightly colored pictures from illustrator Lisa Homan-Conger that show sunshine can prevail in tough situations, such as a child being picked on or parents getting a divorce.

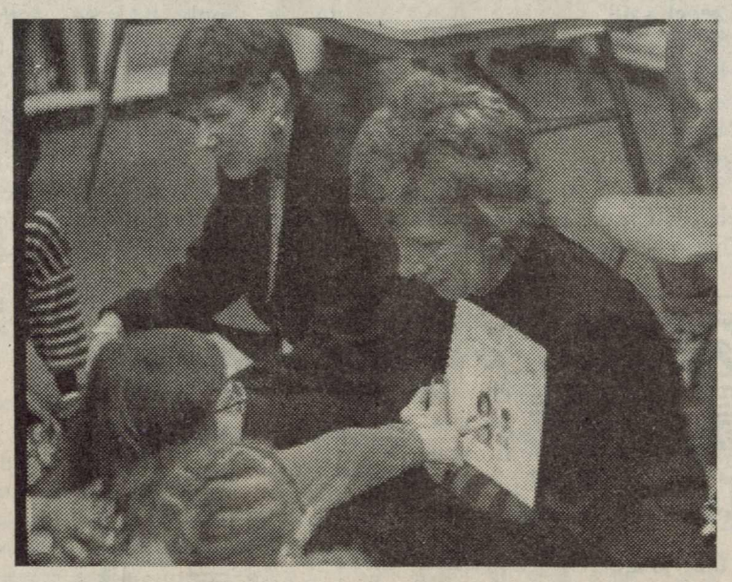
Sitting on the floor surrounded by about 25 anxious children, Foster read the book and explained how a person's sunshine works.

Every child has sunshine inside of the them -- some things make their sunshine brighter while other things dim that internal light. However, Foster told the children they should never forget they are always sunshine.

Foster traveled to various elementary schools around the state last week as part of "Sharing Sunshine Week," which was declared by Gov. Mike Foster.

It is her goal to distribute the book, free of charge, to every kindergartner in the state. That goal is being made possible with corporate and individual financial assistance.

Students at Weaver Elementary were quick to pick up on Foster's message and could readily identify with the concept of sunshine.



Steve Evans

Alice Foster, Louisiana's First Lady, reads the book "You Are Sunshine" to kindergarten students at Weaver Elementary last week. Foster traveled to elementary schools last week promoting the book as part of "Sharing Sunshine Week," stressing the importance of self-esteem.

Kindergartner Eric Collins said he liked the book because it taught him how to use sunshine.

"It teaches you about helping one another," Eric said.

Lauren Davis agreed the book taught her a lot about liking herself.

"Sunshine is so pretty," Lauren said. "When you make a picture of a sunshine, you have it in your heart."

Students each received a copy of the book autographed by Foster, a sunshine sticker and a water bottle from TCA Cable TV, one of the corporate sponsors.

Foster believes teaching children about self-esteem is one of the most important things in the world. In fact, she wishes she could start expressing this lesson to children as young as 2 years old.

"You can't start too young to help a child feel good about his life and himself," Foster said.

Besides sending children a positive message about themselves, Foster said the book's small size encourages parents to read to their children, allowing them to bond.

Porter said "You Are Sunshine" is just the first in a series of "sunshine" books, with some possibly written with older children in mind.

The Sunshine Foundation has been formed to better promote the idea of teaching children self-worth.

"If they get that message, they will have the confidence -- they will use their abilities and education in a much fuller way if they didn't believe they deserved good things," Porter said.

The book and a poster can be purchased for $5 each. All proceeds will go to print more

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New SGA Senators Named

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association has appointed three new Senators at Large.

On Jan. 25, the Senate approved the nominations of Joni Naquin, Earl Gates and Jennifer Leger.

Each one added SGA to their long list of organizations. The newly-elected senators all have an extreme interest in government and look forward to the chance to better the University.

"I want to have a part to play in things that will change our University for the better," Naquin said. "I want students to feel that they can come to me to relay any suggestions that they have back to SGA."

Gates agreed that one of the main reasons he applied for a SGA senator position

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Natchitoches plans first-ever Mardi Gras parade

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

It may not be Mardi Gras in New Orleans, but the Krewe of Dionysus wants to provide Natchitoches with just as much family fun.

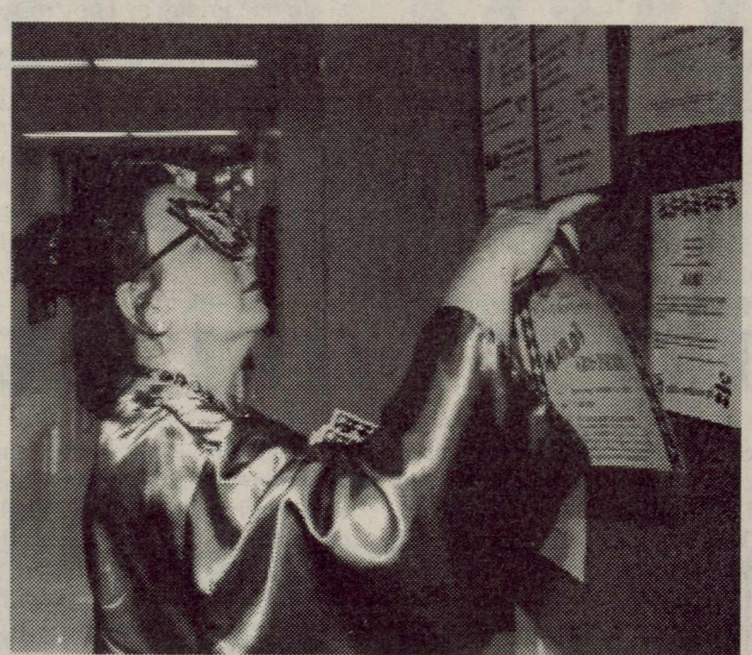
The Krewe of Dionysus will take its maiden voyage along the streets of Natchitoches on Saturday, Feb. 15.

This is the first time ever Natchitoches will provide the backdrop for a Mardi Gras parade. The Krewe's organizers were on campus last Thursday promoting the history making event to students.

"A lot of people have talked about this before, but nobody's ever done it," said the Krewe's co-captain Cherilyn Dobard. "It's really exciting."

The University was not the only place the organizers visited to promote the parade. They entertained the elderly at Evangeline Nursing Home, and they visited Front Street merchants encouraging them to decorate for Mardi Gras.

The 200-member Krewe of Dionysus will start parading along La. Hwy. 1 South at 5 p.m. They will then proceed north to Keyser Avenue and across the Keyser Avenue bridge. The parade will then turn right on Jefferson Street toward Front Street. Pageant queens, and local marching bands will accompany the Krewe's six floats along the parade route. The floats will feature the parade's unofficial theme, "The Treasures of Louisiana."



Steve Evans

Cherilyn Dobard, the co-captain of the Krewe of Dionysus, puts up fliers in the Student Union to let people know about the first-ever Mardi Gras Parade in Natchitcohes Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

The Krewe's first-ever King and Queen will be Tandy Ealon Jackson IV and Kameisha Childs Isbell. Four dukes and duchesses will complete the royalty. The Grand Marshal's will be Shreveport radio personalities, Larry and Suzie Ryan from KEEL.

Shreveport's Krewe of Centaur's royalty will join in the parade's festivities. A representative from Alexandria's Krewe of Medea, along with a representative from Natchitoches' Mystic Krewe of St. Denis will participate in the evenings' closing ceremonies.

The Krewe will throw the usual Mardi Gras trinkets such as beads, cups, and doubloons. T-shirts will even be on sale.

The six founding members first met on June 5, 1998 and developed the idea. Since then, the parade has taken on a life of its own, said Diane Winningham, captain of the Krewe of Dionysus.

"The life has just expanded on it, and its everywhere," Winningham said.

The Krewe has already started planning for the year 2000. Plans so far include a celebrity grand marshal, a Mardi Gras ball, and increasing membership.

Don't expect to see any indecent exposure at this parade, however. The Krewe wants to make sure the parade is kept wholesome and family orientated.

"We're not a show-me-something mister parade, we're a throw-me-something parade," Winningham commented.

It may have been a long time coming, but Natchitoches finally caught the Mardi Gras spirit.

Rozas named Election Committee chair for spring

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Senators of the Student Government Association named Madi Rozas Election Committee Chairwoman at their Jan. 19 meeting.

The senate voted on the position after a runoff between Rozas and Senator Rusty Broussard.

Rozas pulled out of the nomination when Broussard was nominated for the same position, but seconds later she re-entered the race and won.

Although this is only Rozas' second semester as an SGA member she understands the responsibility that comes with her position.

"I advertise all elections, utilize the election booths, and make sure that all elections are fair," Rozas said. "My position is easy right now, but when it gets closer to the elections it's going to become real time consuming."

In regard to the controversy over the fairness of last semester's Homecoming election, Rozas plans to do everything possible to make sure no one contests any future elections.

"I don't see a problem with the election process," Rozas said. "As of right now, the election process will stay the same. If the controversy arises again, I'll accept all suggestions and encourage students to voice their opinions at the SGA meetings."

Rozas applied to the SGA for the opportunity to voice her opinion, as well as that of her peers, in an attempt to improve the University.

"I think my status will give me more of an opportunity to better the University by positioning me behind the fairness of the decisions that are made," Rozas said. "I have a very rewarding position."

Rozas will hold the position of Election Committee Chairman through all of the spring elections. The senate will vote on the position again in the fall.

TOPS program looks HOPEful

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

A recent report released by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Atlanta reveals that Louisiana's TOPS program could have a very bright future after a no so bright start.

Last year the TOPS program was introduced to universities around the state. Though, students were pleased there was one problem. The state government had underestimated the number of students to qualify and the money was running out. Supposedly these problems have been fixed and the program is up and running like new.

"Every new program is going to have start up problems," SREB Director of Educational Policies Joseph D. Creech said. "But if the rest of the programs can do as well as Georgia's then I think everyone will be pleased."

Creech, who is author of the report, refers to the Georgia HOPE scholarships which have been in effect the longest of all programs and has succeeded.

The best indication that HOPE has been successful came in November when Georgia state legislature amended the state constitution to keep the program.

"Candidates pledged support for the program in their campaigns last fall and this is being emulated in other states," Creech said.

If TOPS can do as well as HOPE has then everyone should be happy and all of these early bugs in the system will be forgotten.

In addition to TOPS and HOPE Creech's report looks at five other scholarship programs in the SREB states: Florida, Kentucky, Maryland and two in South Carolina.

While each program is different in its own way, each is surprisingly similar as well.

Each program's scholarships are based on a student's academic achievement, students have incentives to meet and sustain good grades in high school and college and the scholarships are not based on a families economic standing.

In addition to more scholarships, students are receiving more federal Pell grants as well. The reason for this is simply because of the process a student must take to apply for the programs.

"Students have to fill out the federal aid workbook to apply," Creech said, "and since that is the same workbook for Pell grants it is only natural for grants to increase."

Correction:

In an article that appeared in *The Current Sauce* two weeks ago concerning new financial aid offices, a statement made by Kenn Posey was quoted as saying that "the move would be the least convenient to the students." It should have said "the move would be the least inconvenient to the students. We apologize for the error.

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was to have the opportunity to better the University.

"I won't do something just for the sake of doing something," Gates said. "I'll do it because it needs to be done."

Aside from improving the University, the three new Senators at Large hope their positions will also provide a sense of self improvement.

"I plan on working for the Governmental Accounting Office after I graduate," Leger said. "I hope the SGA will prepare me for my future goals."

"The SGA senators have to deal with authority a lot," Gates said. "I hope to gain a sense of professionalism from this committee."

40th LOB pageant to be held Friday

Seven University students will compete for the title of Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Friday at 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The 40th annual pageant is sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Admission is $5 per person. Students are admitted free with their student ID.

Those entered in the pageant are: Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans, Shelly Colvin of Winnfield, Amanda Duncan of Denham Springs, Eileen Ehlers of Oakdale, Jamie Freeman of Plaquemine, Y'Esha Jackson of Greenwood and Christal Traylor of Hooks, Texas.

Each of the contestants is competing to suceed Rebecca Dauzat of Marksville as Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet.

The pageant is a Miss Louisiana preliminary with approximately $5,000 in scholarships and prizes awarded to participants.

The theme of the pageant is "40 Years of Lady of the Bracelet." Each of the 41 women who have held the title have been invited to attend.

Contestants will compete in evening wear, swimsuit, talent and interview competition.

Entertainment will be provided by Miss Louisiana Heather Dupree, the NSU Jazz Band, Demon Dazzlers and the NSU Dance Ensemble choreographed by Ed Brazo.

For more information, call the SAB at 357-6511.

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floodwaters, said he only had time to take a few clothes with him.

Evacuees Timikia Nargo, 17, and her mother, Betty Cantrell, returned to their home Friday afternoon to survey the damage.

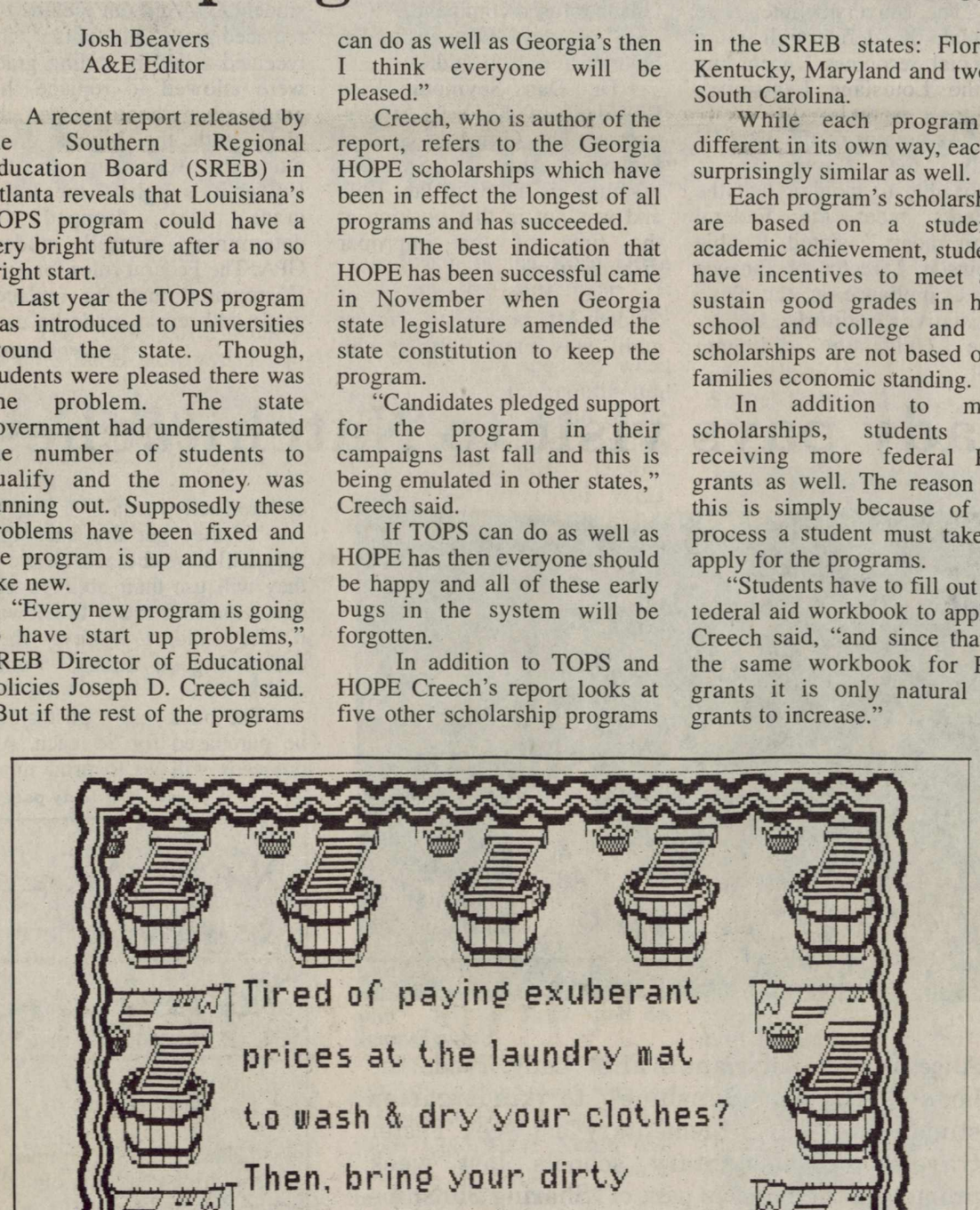
Getting to their house, however, was no easy task. Wearing rubber boots, mother and daughter waded in a few feet of water that reached their hips before making it to their home.

"We don't know what could be in that water," Timikia said.

Fortunately, most of the water in their house had receded, but the damage was done.

"The water was coming in so fast," Timikia said. "We had no time to get anything."

Since they have no idea how long the high water will remain, residents spent the afternoon grabbing essentials ranging from gallons of milk to bicycles.



SGA Minutes

SGA Minutes from Jan. 25:

Those in attendance were: Greg Gelpi, Raechal Leone, Jamie Hughes, Caron Chester, Paul Rome, J'Juan Allen, Madi Rozas, Rustry Broussard, Vanessa Byrd, Andrew Davies, Shawn Hornsby, Matthew Comeaux, David Gunn, Chas Vandersypen and Justin Courtney.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, David Gunn. Seconded by Paul Rome.

David Gunn: Raise your hands, no speaking out of turn, no talking with neighbor.

Student Affairs:
No chair.

Club Sports:
Not in attendance.

Fiscal Affairs:
Meets 11 a.m. in the Student Union.

External Affairs:
Met Thursday at 5 p.m.

Internal Affairs:
6 p.m. on Monday.

Academic Affairs:
Not in attendance.

President's Report:
- SGA has a new clock thanks to the bill that Rustry wrote.
- Casey Shannon has a radio show Tuesday 1 to 3 p.m.
- I sent in a request to the Board of Requests funding committee.
- COSBA report.
- Coin machine in for motion.
- Arts council update.
- Reatha FC approval of design.
- Approve appointment, Joni Naquin and Earl Gates.

SAB Report:
- Jan. 26, music videos.
- Jan. 28, Winefield in Vic's.
- Feb. 3, Murder Mystery.
- Spring Fling- 5-9; 12-16
  - -8th concert
  - -15th comedian
  - -16th Crawfish Boil

New Business:
- Appointments- Joni Naquin, Earl Gates, Jennifer Ledger.
- Volunteers for Bluebook Guidelines for distribution.
  - -Greg
  - -Matt
  - -Rusty

Tuesday- Rusty, External Affairs over radio show at 7:55 p.m.

SGA meetings are held every Monday at 7p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend.

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French class to begin at NSU

A class in conversational French will be offered through the University's Office of Continuing Education beginning Feb. 2.

The course will be taught on Tuesdays trhough April 20 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in room 218 of Russell Hall.

Instructor Marian Keator will lead students through the Berlitz basic French. Participants will have an opportunity to gain basic fluency in the language during the course. The fee for the class is $125 plus a $37.80 supply fee.

For more information, call 357-5682 or 1-800-376-2422.

Wine class to run through March

A Wine Appreciation class will run for six Thursdays through March 4 from 6-7 p.m. in the Carriage House of Ducornau Square behind Just Friends, 746 Front Street.

The cost is $40 per person and $75 per couple and includes all wine, beer, food, hand-outs and lectures.

Call Dr. Lynn Woods at 356-8393 or 357-5085 for more information.

University updating business alumni list

The College of Business wants to hear from its alumni. The college is updating its database of those who majored in business at the University.

Business alumni are asked to contact Diane Mitchell during regular business hours at 357-5161 and provide a current address and phone number. Information call also be sent to: College of Business, Russell Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La., 71497 or by e-mail to business@alpha.nsula.edu.

The database will be used to assist in the formation of the College of Business Alumni Association. Members will receive a periodic newsletter, invitations to various events and other benefits.

Surplus auction at Fort Polk

FORT POLK -- The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is sponsoring a public government surplus auction at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The sale will be held in Building No. 4050, located off Texas Avenue on Magazine Road between north and south Fort Polk.

Some of the items to be sold include office furniture and machines, computer equipment, clothing and individual equipment, household refrigerators and stoves, ammunition cans and boxes, vehicle parts, an asphalt meter, 1 1/2-ton trailers and concrete mixers.

Property is sold in an "as is, where is" condition and on a first-come, first-served basis. Items are available for inspection from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Hours of inspection on the day of the sale will be from 7:45 to 9 a.m.

Registration will be held at the DRMO, Building No. 4050, beginning at 7:45 a.m. on the day of the sale. Bidders must be at least 18. DRMO employees or their family members may not participate.

For more information, call (318) 531-4088.

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in determining the student's GPA."

The federal requirements of hours passed to the hours the student attempts vary with academic year of the student as well as the academic load of the semester, explained Posey (see accompanying chart). The University failed to monitor and enforce these requirements.

Title IV regulations require a student that has not met these standards to be ineligible for future financial aid funds, explained Posey. The student must submit a Financial Aid appeal upon return to be considered for future financial aid. This was not done to the standards of the U.S. Department of Education.

"Title IV requires that the student academic progress be monitored quarterly, we monitored yearly," Posey said.

It has been determined as to whether or not such findings of Federal noncompliance will occur in academic years 1996-98.

"We are looking into that right now. I do not believe that will happen."

"If we know we have a problem we will work on it," Crew said. "We have ambitious goals for the Student Financial Aid Office to improve services to the student. We have brought in additional resources, from on and off campus, to help address this issue and to implement the changes to head us in the direction we need to go."

"The University's Student Academic Progress (SAP) computer program has received modifications to meet the federal requirements," said Posey. "There are additional reports, checking and rechecking for compliance of Title IV funds that have been instituted to assure compliance."

Carl Jones, vice president of Business Affairs was asked what impact the repayment of the debt would have on the students, faculty and staff. Jones stated that the university had budgeted conservatively this year anticipating an enrollment drop. The drop in the enrollment was not as severe as anticipated and the unexpected enrollment funds will bolster the operating budget.

"We won't know the impact until the final count of spring enrollment," said Jones. "Current programs are not effected. The money will be taken from the operating budget."

When asked if there was a possibility of the University recouping the improperly disbursed funds from the students Jones answered that that option had been discussed but was not certain that it would be possible.

A repayment agreement letter between the U.S. Department of Education and the University President, signed Nov. 23, 1998, states that the repayment is to be done either in one payment, due March 1 for $467,863.20, or in two installments: $239, 641.20 due March 1 and the second payment due July 1 of $232,028.23.

The two-payment option would total $471,669.43. The added costs reflect interest accrued at a five percent annual rate, beginning Aug. 31, 1998.

The itemized bill to the University according the U.S. Department of Education Audit Control Report to Governor Foster, dated 31 August 1998, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, reveals:

Initial findings:
Pell Grant- $235,783
FSEOG- $9,650
Federal Perkins- $6,000
Stafford- $706,399

Final determination and settlement:
Pell Grant- $235,783
FSEOG- $7,238
Federal Perkins- $6,000
Stafford Loan (actual loss)- $212,332
Additional findings- miscalculated loans- $1,090

Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Weekly meetings are held Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming a rugby team for club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305. Organizational grant applications are due Friday by noon to room 214 in the Student Union.

Student Activities Board: A murder mystery "Perish the Thought" will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and will feature NSU alumna Heather Child. Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:30 p.m.. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Delta Sigma Theta: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta would like to invite you to share any poetry that you have written or read about whatever subject that has inspired you on Feb. 9. at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. If you would like to share your poems, call 354-1749 or 354-7993 or contact any member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

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Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

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Pagan Student Network: A Thousand Greetings. We are a support and networking organization of Pagan and Heathen students, as well as others in and around Natchitoches, who are actively involved in the Old Religion.

If you are already a follower of the Old Ways, looking for others of like mind, interested in knowing what we are about or finding out more about the Old Ways of our Ancestors, or just looking to expand your horizons, we'd love to meet you! All interested, please e-mail marshdragon@hotmail.com.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

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Computer system going down during Mardi Gras break for 'major' system upgrade

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

During the Mardi Gras holiday, students living off campus trying to access Northwestern in a telnet session or any other service provider other than the University's will not be able to do so.

Network Modifications are being made in compliance with mandates from the state legislators. The legislative auditors first started talking about taking steps to secure information about students three years ago, said Dr. Anthony Sheffler, director of the Computer Center.

"It's a very complex effort," Sheffler said. "It keeps information or users who don't need to get in from getting in. The security component is critical to protect the system. Without it the risk of someone going through the system and harming the server becomes greater."

The new security component is essentially a filter that helps to protect the system and prevents congestion, according to Sheffler.

It will stop people using telnet outside the campus from coming in and accessing a network from a distance. Students with telnet on campus will not be affected.

This is not the first time that this new modification has been tried here at Northwestern. The first time was in November, and the second was during Christmas break, said Tracy Brown, network administrator.

"It's a major modification to the network," Brown said.

Students should not see any impacts. It will not speed up or slow down anything. There should be no difference; however, it will affect people running web servers.

The University has not been watching what has been coming or going said Brown.

Any students with questions can contact the Computer Center at (318) 357-5594, or (318) 357-6696 for Online Technical Support.

"We apologize for any inconvenience," Sheffler said. "It is being done now to benefit the academic and student population."

"We're trying to make this as painless and easy as possible," Brown said.

First Lady

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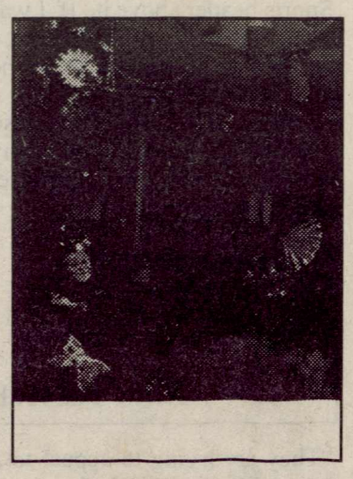
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Letter from the Editor

For lack of a more subtle manner and just because the issue really pisses me off, I am going address what to do if you have a problem with *The Current Sauce.*

On the off chance that a news story has a misprint or you do not agree with what is printed on this page, I have very simple advice for you: talk to me about it or shut your damned mouth.

Afterall, I am the editor and it is my job (and my job alone) to accept responsibility for the print that covers these pages. The fact that *The Current Sauce* has advisers is simply for my benefit. The advisers are not a censoring agent of the paper and do not wish to be either. Unfortunately, I hear about problems with the paper after the fact usually through a copy of an e-mail or reportings of a meeting between some cry baby and an adviser (the cry babies are usually faculty and administration).

Students, I thank you whole heartedly for your frankness and willingness to tell me how it should be done. I may not follow your advise but I do listen.

The administration on the other hand, receives an **F** on their ability to figure who really controls what is printed.

I am so sick and tired of hearing about the complaints of a certain University president or his other lackeys second hand.

The first time this happened I ignored it as an oversight. Although lately, I am beginning to wonder if the advisers are approached because they are in subordinate positions and you the big mature men of our beloved Northwestern 'Abnormal' feel you can dictate your policy and censor the students 87-year-old voice.

If you thought last week's column on financial aid was bad you have are sadly mistaken, because I will personally air every piece of dirty laundry I find until you realize that *The Current Sauce* is a student-run newspaper.

I also plan to run this show again next year so that I make sure you understand how the paper works.

To sum it one more time for you, I am the one to talk to if you do not like what you read. Your only other solution is to walk by the paper stands and keep your sorry hands in your pockets

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Letters to the Editor

I do not generally consider myself either outspoken or political; however, I could not, in good conscience, allow the inclusion of an anti-abortion newsletter in yesterday's edition of *The Current Sauce* to pass without some comment.

I realize that Natchitoches is a small, relatively rural community and that a number of the inhabitants of this community exhibit conservative Judeo-Christian values. I respect that and would never do or say anything to devalue another's belief system or moral convictions.

However, I object to anti-abortion propaganda distributed to the entire student body as if it were the only "correct" or socially acceptable way to feel about the subject. Abortion is a very complex issue that tends to evoke a great deal of emotional response. If we are invited to consider the arguments against abortion, then we must also be given the opportunity to evaluate the arguments for retaining the option of abortion. While I do not feel that it is prudent in this response to exhaust the reader with all of the valid and important arguments that support the "pro-choice" stance, I feel it necessary to briefly examine the central issue under discussion.

In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that it was unlawful for any state to prohibit abortion before the time of fetal viability (approximately 20 weeks). "Viability" means simply that at this point the fetus is able to exist outside of the mother's womb. Central to this ruling is the concept of a fundamental right to privacy that is grounded in the Constitution. Privacy, in this sense, refers to the ability or power that an individual has to make decisions for himself/ herself about what is his/ her own.

This ruling assumes that a woman who is pregnant is the one who is ultimately responsible for her child's emotional, material, and intellectual well-being. Furthermore, this ruling states that until the child is able to physically exist apart from her, the mother has the right to decide whether or not she is physically, emotionally, or economically equipped to handle the birth and care of her child. This law does not force women to have abortions. It does not persuade women to have abortions. Nor does it suggest that women have abortions. It simply gives women one option of dealing with an unwanted or potentially dangerous pregnancy.

In this same issue of *The Current Sauce*, there was a letter to the editor written by Marcie Kimball in which she cautions against the assumption of unanimous religious values. I commend Ms. Kimball in her acute and well-voiced observations and ask that we consider her point very seriously in terms of both religious and political orientation.

I agree with Ms. Kimball on the point that it has been made evident that a number of persons in administrative positions do not recognize the fact that Northwestern State University is composed of individuals with very diverse opinions, attitudes, and lifestyles. It also seems that some have begun to assume that their values are reflective of those held by the entire student body. I urge caution against such assumptions.

Sincerely,
Melinda Gray
Senior
Anthropology/ Scholars' College

It occurred to me while reading last week's article on the University's Excel program that perhaps it is not a student's lack of preparation but a lack of motivation that leads a student to failure. Mr. Taylor stated that "NSU's continued adherence to its open admission policy sends a message that no special preparation is necessary for college. A significant number, as a direct result, do not take the proper courses. Tragically, only one in five of these potentially successful students will ever graduate." I disagree whole-heartedly. I do not think taking certain "college-prep" courses produces successful college students. I do believe there are certain skills- namely the ability to master and apply a concept rather than memorize and regurgitate the mechanisms pertaining to that concept- that are crucial to one's survival in college. However, those skills aren't taught in college-prep classes exclusively. They are taught in elementary. Moreover, that is only a small portion of the problem as it only applies to a few students.

What I consider to be the primary cause of students failing is- the students. It appears to me that there is a considerable lack of motivation in most instances of failing students. No amount of knowledge can be forced into an unreceptive brain. I think a good number of my fellow classmates (possibly including myself) came to college simply because, well, what else were we going to do? We entered school with a generous dose of apathy and possibly we'll graduate with an even larger dose. Education is not our primary concern. We really don't care to appreciate anything other than our chosen area of occupational training. As a result we slog and slouch our way through courses we find unrelated to our purpose of being here but are required nonetheless. And if we don't slog and slouch well enough to pass the course and we fail- so what? Who cares? We'll manage to get on with our lives not caring that we've passed up our greatest chance to be something more- to be educated.

This is the only conclusion I can reach based on what I see around me. There doesn't seem to be many of us fighting, struggling, putting forth real effort. We don't seem to want what is offered here. We don't care. Maybe it's the one in five that cares that graduates, not the one in five that took college-prep courses.

Sarah C. Durand
Junior, General Studies

Columnist shares true meaning of life

Shawntell Lewis
Sauce Columnist

In, "After the Tassel is Moved," a book published by Louis Caldwell, I ran across a story that truly expresses the meaning of living a purposeful and fulfilling life. In the biography section of Watson Library you could probably find a biography of David Livingsone, the famous missionary, whose love for humanity directed the course of his life. Few people knew that he had a brother, John Livingstone, who became one of the wealthiest men in Ontario. Both boys grew up together in a Scottish home with the benefits of the same instruction, but each setting his heart on accomplishing different goals. John decided to gain wealth, but David, on the other hand, made up his mind to answer the call of Christ. John did indeed reach his goal and he enjoyed a comfortable life of luxury, with all of the finest things that this world had to offer him. David reached his goal, too, and after giving his life to introduce Christianity to the people of Africa, he died there in a dirty hut. When John died, his demise was reported in a few words in the obituary column. Ironically, the only distinction given him was that of identifying him as the brother of David Livingstone! Now, I ask you which brother had the richer life? Some would argue that John had the richer life because he possessed more material things than his brother did. Contrary to popular belief, life is not all about what we can obtain for our own personal gain. It is good to have nice belongings but it is not wise to seek these things instead of seeking God's will for your life. We as college students need to first get our priorities in order and realize that it is not about who we are or who we think we are. Instead of seeking unhealthy relationships, an important status on campus, popularity with the "right" crowd, and seeking to please our flesh we need to live our lives pleasing unto the Author and Finisher of our faith. Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all of its righteousness and all of these things will be added unto you." Jesus is not unaware of our materialistic needs. He has already given us the keys to prosperity but our goals must be properly focused. In Luke 12:15, Jesus reminds us, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." For true success is not about the riches you obtain that matters but it is the anointing on your life that makes all the difference in the world. Rudyard Kipling once addressed a graduation class in Canada. In his speech Kipling cautioned: "Don't put too much emphasis on fame and fortune. Some day you will meet a man who needs none of these things, and then you will know how poor you are." Our lives should be governed by a passion to please Christ, and energized by the Holy Spirit's daily influence upon our dreams, preparation, associations, and activities. Let's rid ourselves of greed and fill our hearts with Christian character by giving more and receiving less.

As I flipped lovingly through the pages of *The Current Sauce* last Tuesday, I noticed an article in the Sports section on the recent WWF Royal Rumble. Why the H-E-double hockey stick is "professional" wrestling in the Sports section of *The Current Sauce*? A bunch of circus freaks running around in their underpants inflicting imaginary pain upon one another is not a sport.

I think this article should not have appeared on the Sports page. It belongs in the section with the title "Comics" (sorry Wes, I mean no disrespect).

I called *The Current Sauce* immediately and talked to the Sports Editor. He told me that the article was supposed to run on the A&E page, but they ran out of space.

That's fine, but don't put it in the Sports section with the Sports header above it. If I was a member of the softball team, I would hate to have to share the page with the WWF.

Mr. Collinsworth also frequently answered my questions with the response,

"Do we ignore our studies to watch a testosterone soap opera?"

Niko Tesvich

"They are trying to appeal to a lot of different people."

Appeal? How would they appeal to anyone by wasting space in our weekly campus publication? I asked if there was a large demand for the WWF at Northwestern. He replied, "Yes, there is."

Have the young adults of America degraded to this? Do we ignore our studies to watch a testosterone soap opera? Aren't there better things to do, like watch paint dry or cook Ramen noodles?

I must admit, I used to watch the Junkyard Dog and Jake "The Snake" Roberts throw each other around the ring. But the point is...I was five.

The title of the article was "Royal Rumble shocks many".

In my opinion, more were shocked by the appearance of that article more than the Rumble itself.

-A concerned reader,
Niko Tesvich

Young adults are not immune to strokes

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

College students often think themselves immune to the major diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, strokes, etc. Students often believe that age prevents such a disease from affecting them.

Several days ago, I learned differently. One of my best friends suffered a stroke accompanied by violent seizures that continue to plague him. He is a college student in his senior year with a wife of five years and a newborn baby girl. He also works full time at a hardware store. And he had a stroke at 24-years- old.

After I learned of my friend's collapse, I began doing research on the statistics of heart diseases and strokes affecting college students. The results are surprising.

According to the National Stroke Association, four out of five families will be affected by a stroke in their lifetime. Of those four families that are affected, five percent of those who suffer the stroke are under forty. About one to two percent of those are between 15- and 25-years- old.

These numbers may sound low. However, the two percent equals over one million people.

Stress is usually a constant companion to college students. The National Stroke Association believes that stress is one of the major causes of congestive heart failure and stroke in college students. Therefore, college students should become more aware of the possible outcomes associated with high degrees of stress, and they should set about correcting the problems. Exercising and eating healthy are beginnings to preventing heart diseases. But, most importantly, students must realize that they are not immune to the threats that plague older generations. And they must insure by whatever means possible that stress does not overcome their lives.

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Brad Pitt gets restraining order against stalker

Wire Reports

Brad Pitt isn't taking any more chances when it comes to his safety, and he's running the celebrity security book play by play.

The super-star has received a temporary restraining order against Athena Marie Rolando, 19, the woman accused of breaking into his Hollywood Hills home earlier this month.

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Anthony Jones barred Rolando from contacting the actor or coming within 100 yards of him pending a Feb. 10 hearing to determine whether a further injunction should be granted.

Pitt is seeking a three-year restraining order against Rolando, claiming she made "bizarre, disturbing, ominous, and threatening statements" to him.

Included in a 29-page court document is a letter of apology Rolando wrote to Pitt, in which she says the reason his relationship with ex-fiancee Gwyneth Paltrow ended is because she placed a "chant" on the couple more than three years ago.

"I was young and selfish," she wrote on filigree-topped stationary. "I am sorry. . .I didn't think it would work, and your eyes have haunted me since then."

Rolando was arrested at Pitt's home on Jan 7. after a caretaker discovered her sleeping in an upstairs bedroom.

The actor was not home at the time.

According to court papers, the young woman took a cab to the star's home that night wearing only a satin nightgown and her "little pig" slippers. She scaled an 8-foot, pointy fence, and used a garbage can to climb into a downstairs window.

Rolando spent about 10 hours inside Pitt's home, and even donned some of his workout clothes when she got cold.

When she was finally discovered, she had with her a book on witchcraft, several letters addressed to the Legends of the Fall star, and a foot-long safety pin covered in ribbons. Shortly after she was arrested, Rolando said she had only wanted to give Pitt the be-ribboned "doll" she had made.

Rolando told police that her reasons for forcing her way into Pitt's home are "hard to explain, but something was telling me to go."

Rolando now waits until Feb. 11 for her court appearance and arraignment on the charges.

Malaysia bans *Prince of Egypt*

Malaysia has banned Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks Entertainment animated epic The Prince of Egypt, citing that the film is insensitive for religious and moral reasons.

The film that basically tells the early years of Moses was scheduled to open in the country in February.

This is not the first time that Malaysia has had problems with censorship and the movies, especially when it comes to Spielberg. In 1994 Spielberg's holocaust flick, Schindler's List, was not allowed to air unless some scenes were cut. The director refused and the film never made it to Malaysian theaters. In November Spielberg once again butted heads with Malaysia, this time on the World War II drama Saving Private Ryan. Spielberg insisted that the film be shown in its entire, uncut form. The censorship board thought otherwise and consequently Ryan has yet to be shown.

The predominantly Muslim country is considered to have some of the strictest censorship rules in all of Southeast Asia.

What's on tap for the rest of 1999

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Star Wars, Snoop Dogg, Charles Dickens, Stephen King and Monica Lewinsky. These are just a few of the names that America will hear over the next eleven months in what will be one of biggest years ever in the entertainment industry.

Undoubtedly the biggest and most defining event of the year, aside from the hype for the new millenium, will come on May 21 when writer/director George Lucas releases the first film of his new *Star Wars* trilogy. *The Phantom Menace*, the film's subtitle, has been eagerly anticipated ever since 1993 and many say that the film will easily smash *Titanic*'s record $600 million domestic take.

Elsewhere on the "sure to be blockbuster front" comes the re-teaming of Will Smith and his *Men in Black* director Barry Sonnenfeld for the big - screen remake of the late 1960s cult hit TV show *The Wild, Wild West*. Also, Mike Myers travels back in time to 1969 London to do battle once again with his follicaly challenged nemesis Dr. Evil in *Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged Me*.

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Austin is back (above) and Lewinsky (left) plans to tell all.

Sports seem to be a staple for other films this year as Al Pacino plays a stressed NFL Head Coach *in Oliver Stone's On Any Given Sunday*, Kevin Costner is a aging Major League pitcher in *For the Love of the Game* and Brad Pitt is back with his *Seven* director, David Fincher, in *The Fight Club*.

The two Toms, Cruise and Hanks, pull double duty this year as both men release two major features. Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt for *Mission: Impossible 2* and also co-stars with wife Nicole Kidman in Stanley Kubrick's sexually-charged thriller *Eyes Wide Shut*. Hanks lends his voice once again to the form of Woody the Cowboy for *Toy Story 2* and stars in the big-screen adaptation of Stephen King's best-seller *The Green Mile*.

That is not the only time Stephen King's name comes up this year, however, as in September the "master of horror" releases a collection of short stories entitled *Hearts in Atlantis*. But King is not the only major author to release a work in 99' because John Grisham, Tom Clancy, Anne Rice and Elmore Leonard all plan to entertain with new books. Even the late Ernest Hemingway has a never published new novel due out in July.

The real event in the book world comes later in the year when White House intern Monica Lewinsky puts pen to paper, with the aid of Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton, to tell her side of the President Clinton scandal.

Of all the branches in the entertainment world the busiest in 1999 will be the music business as almost every major artist and group will release new albums. Of all the new music, perhaps the most anticipated comes this summer when the Red Hot Chili Peppers put out their first album in seven years.

While the Chili Peppers will rock the "rock" world there are several artists that plan to rock the rap world in the spring. Leading the pack will be Snoop Dogg who will release *Topp Dogg*, C Murder comes out with *Bossalinie*, Too Short has *I Can't Stay Away* and Krayzie Bone brings out *Thug Mentality*. If all of that was not enough Wyclef Jean promises that the Fugees will be back with a new album by years end.

Along with the Chili Peppers and Snoop new music is expected from the Wallflowers, Fiona Apple, Tom Petty, Jamiroquai, Korn, No Doubt, TLC and former Ginger Spice, Geri Halliwell, will have her solo debut.

For television, 1999 will be the year of the big event. NBC will have both Martin Short as the Mad Hatter in a contemporary version of *Alice in Wonderland* and Jon Voight shepherding the world's creatures in *Noah's Ark*. ABC brings brings the $30 million tale of Cleopatra to the small screen with *Titanic* star Billy Zane.

On the comedy side of things *Simpsons* creator Matt Croening brings another sure fire animated hit to FOX with *Futurama*. Former *Saturday Night Live* newsman Norm Macdonald plays a former hockey player turned social worker in ABC's *The Norm Show*. And finally *X-Files* creator Chris Carter returns to the world of the outrageous with FOX's *Harsh Realm* this fall.

All of this, along with George Clooney leaving *ER* and Spike Lee's take on the Son of Sam murders in the 70s, will make 1999 a great year for the transition to the 21st century.

The Evolution of Women in Film

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

The 20th century has been a period marked by perpetual change. Movies have both influenced and reflected that change. The portrayal of women in movies and their place in society can be seen as both enforcing the social norm and as tearing it to pieces.

Film noir can be vaguely described as a suspenseful sexy murder mystery. This film genre was popular after World War II, when America was in a state of subtle social unrest. Women were forced to leave the workplace and expected to once again assume the role of housewife. The question was did they want to?

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Orson Wells and the princess of film noir, Rita Hayworth in *The Lady from Shanghai*

The femme fatale of film noir exemplified this group of women who no longer felt at ease in her "rightful place". She was sexual. She was mysterious. She was defiant and uncontrollable. Most importantly, she was powerful. The femme could not be contained in a marriage or any relationship for that matter; in fact she kills her controlling lovers. Despite her blood stained hands and deceptive eyes the femme retains an untouched innocence, even up to the moment she dies. Oh yes, as a rule the femme fatale either dies or is reformed into a submissive "good" woman by the hero. However, it is most common that the femme dies a brutal death. Why? She poses a threat to the hero and most importantly to the idealized nuclear family. In essence the "moral" of film noir was to show that defying the social "norm" and not accepting one's prescribed place in society would only lead to destruction.

However the femme fatale met her doom, in the end she never lost the audience's admiration.

Students raise money for theater department

Tim Long
Staff Reporter

One man's junk is another man's gold mine.

Thus, the Student Theater Union of Northwestern, otherwise known as S.T.U.N on February 6 is having a garage sale. The event will take place at the Exchange Bank's parking lot on Kyser right next to Sav-A-Lot from 7a.m. to noon.

They will be selling furniture, clothes and various other items to help people find their gold mines.

"We bring stuff and you buy it," Laura West, public director of S.T. U. N. said.

"No, seriously, were going to put generally good quality items for sale and you can buy brownies at the same time."

The idea for the fund-raiser came from a desire to raise money for the organization in order to buy scripts, help students go to the Southeastern Theater Conference students have the opportunity to audition for many theater companies in the southwest region.

"Just stop by and say hello," Jena Peevy, president of S.T.U.N. said. "I'm sure you'll find something to buy."

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Exhibit begins in Natchitoches

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

A traveling art exihibit explaining part of Louisiana's diverse culture recently made its debut in the Old Courthouse Museum.

"Collage:Three Hundred Years of French Peoples in Louisiana" showcases the unique mark the French language, culture, and traditions have made on the state.

The exhibit was made by the state museum in conjunction with FrancoFete, the year-long celebration of Louisiana's French founding. It is composed of of 40 historic images and photographs with text panels written in both English and French.

Carolyn Harrington, director of the Old Courthouse Museum, said the exhibit made its debut in Natchitoches Jan. 4 and will remain on display until Feb. 7, when it will be moved to another museum somewhere in the state.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco said, "It is especially fitting that this new exhibit begins its travels in Natchitoches, whose French roots go back to 1714."

Indeed, the exhibit gives a comprehensive look at the many French influences found throughout the state and in Natchitoches, the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.

The collage begins with an overview of early French exploration and settlement and highlights the influences of large groups of French-speaking immigrants including the Acadians and refugees from Saint Domingue.

Prominent French figures also included on the display such as King Louis XIV and explorer brothers Iberville and Bienville.

Two identical versions of the exhibit were created for travel across the state in 1999. Funding was provided by the Consulate General of France, the friends of Cabildo and the Louisiana Museum Foundation.

Visitors to the museum will be treated to another lesson in history through "Creole Architecture of Louisiana," a long term exhibition illustrating the various kinds of architecture found in early Louisiana.

The architecture exhibit features several hand made displays and pictures of Creole structures including the Tauzin-Wells Home, which was built in Natchitoches in 1776.

Ms. Harrington said the exhibit explains how Creole architecture evolved in Louisiana. Creole homes originally began as "poteaux en terre" which meant posts were in the ground.

Eventually, Creoles learned to elevate their homes because of soil and climate conditions, especially heavy flooding.

She said cultural influences played an important role in developing this type of structure. Ideas from the Indians, Africans, Brazilians and other cultures were all used when Creoles were adapting the structure of their homes to Louisiana.

"Creole Architecture in Louisiana," will be on display until mid-September.

The Old Courthouse Museum is located at 600 Second St. in Natchitoches and is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5p.m.

Admissions is $3 for adults, $2 for students, senior citizens and active military. Children 12 and under and school groups are admitted free.

For more information on the traveling collage or "Creole Architecture," call the museum at 357-2270 or the state museum at 1-800-568-6968

Dauzat prepares to give up LOB crown

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

As preparations for the 1999 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant continues, Rebecca Dauzat is preparing to hand over the title after a busy year as Miss LOB.

Dauzat, an elementary education major from Marksville, La., won the title Miss Lady of the Bracelet in only her second preliminary pageant. Since winning at the Miss LOB Pageant, Dauzat has decided to continue competing in pageants that are preliminaries for the Miss America Pageant. She plans to compete in the Miss Bossier City pageant after relinquishing her title as Miss Lady of the Bracelet.

"Winning the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant gave me the inspiration I needed to continue competing," Dauzat continues. "I'm starting to prepare for my next pageant a week after this year's LOB."

Dauzat believes that being chosen as Miss Lady of the Bracelet has had a huge influence in her life both educationally and personally.

"The scholarships alone have been such a relief to both me and my parents," Dauzat said. "Scholarships is what the Miss America program is all about."

Rebecca Dauzat, the current Ms. Lady of the Bracelet

Dauzat also said that winning Miss LOB gave her new opportunities as a student across the campus.

"I met a lot of the faculty and staff that I probably never would have met otherwise," Dauzat said.

One benefit of being Miss LOB was promoting her platform, "Working and Volunteering with the Muscular Dystrophy Association." Dauzat feels that her platform is extremely important to her because of her brother, Brian, who was diagnosed with a type of muscular dystrophy.

"Being Miss LOB has given me a chance to tell others about MD and to encourage people to support the association," Dauzat commented. "Being Miss LOB really opened the door for my platform."

In the past year Dauzat has participated in various activities sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association and held her own event, the MDA Mardi Gras, which raised $1600 for the muscular dystrophy.

Dauzat said her performance at this year's Miss LOB Pageant is a surprise for the audience. She also commented that she is extremely excited about meeting other Miss LOB winners at the pageant.

"I know several of the previous winners," Dauzat said. "But, I am looking forward to meeting the older winners and seeing how the pageant affected their lives."

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Women's basketball keeps moving forward

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons went deep into the heart of Texas and in the process left those in their paths lifeless. The road trip down I-35 began Thursday night in San Marcos against Southwest Texas as they defeated them 78-58.

NSU struggled at the outset, as the Lady Bobcats kept Judy Clark from playing her normally offensive-minded game.

Kia Converse was also plagued by foul trouble, and the Demons led only 34-30 at halftime.

"We just didn't play hard, especially in the first half," NSU head coach James Smith said.

NSU then utilized a 9-2 run out of the locker room to build the lead to nine, before SWT scored six straight points of their own to cut into the lead.

For the next six minutes, NSU used free throws to stay ahead, before the defense took over in the final eight minutes of the game, holding the Lady Bobcats to only nine points during that entire span. Northwestern was keyed by

Louise Chase all night, who scored 20 points and grabbed 7 boards.

"Louise realized we needed some points, so she took us on her back in the second half, " Smith said. "Our team followed her aggressive play and we eventually took control of the game. I was very proud of the leadership she showed tonight."

Sonya Bearden had 13 points for the Lady Demons, behind a 3 for 5 shooting performance from behind the three point arc. Jamila Newman scored a season-high 12 points, and Jennifer Graf came off the bench to contribute 12 of her own on 6 for 9 shooting.

"Graf played great off the bench for us tonight," Smith said. "She played great defense, shot the ball well, and filled in for Kia who was just unable to give us her regular performance due to foul trouble."

Saturday night, the Lady Demons traveled farther down I-35, deeper into Hill Country to face the UT-San Antonio Lady Roadrunners leaving them with a 65-51.

NSU would again start slow, trailing by as many as seven in the first half, and could muster only a 26-24 advantage heading into the locker room. They would turn to their defense once more to take over in the second half.

"When we decide to do it, we play some pretty good defense," Smith said. "They had problems scoring for long stretches tonight, partly due to our defense and that was the difference in the game."

In the second half, NSU utilized a 25-5 run to push the lead to 51-31 at the 8:30 mark and put the game out of reach for the cold shooting Lady Roadrunners.

NSU took advantage of turnovers and bad shooting to make the most of its chances.

"Although we struggled at times offensively, we were able to be more productive than they were, " Smith said.

NSU was paced once again by Chase, who had 19 points and nine rebounds. Judy Clark added 15, and Kia Converse scored 13, as well as adding 11 boards.

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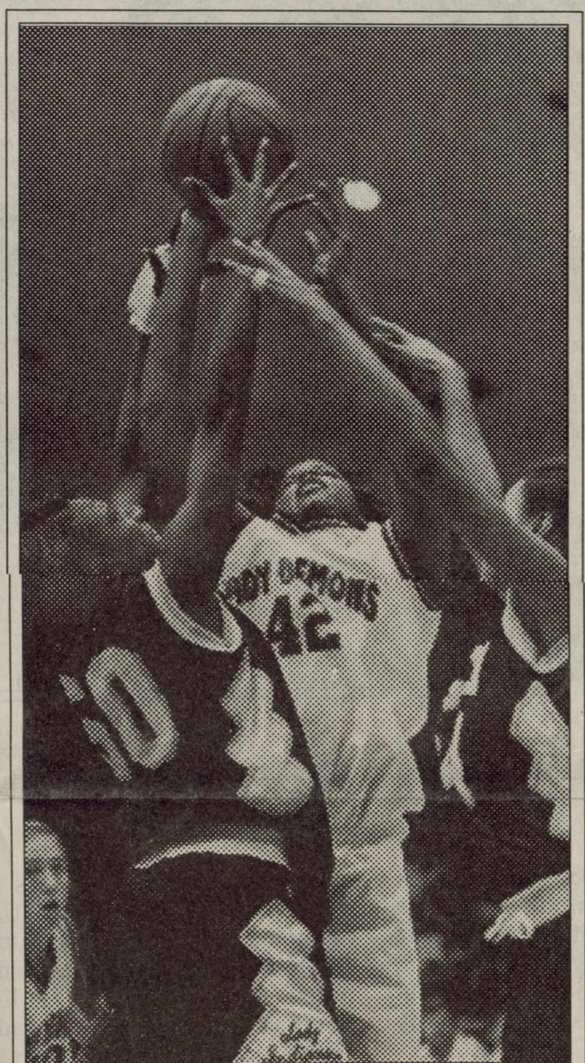
SonyaBearden dribbles down the court and makes a pass. The Lady Demons defeated Southwest Texas 78-58.



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Jamila Newman fights for a rebound with two opponents

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Sonya Bearden tries to get a three-pointer off before she gets blocked.

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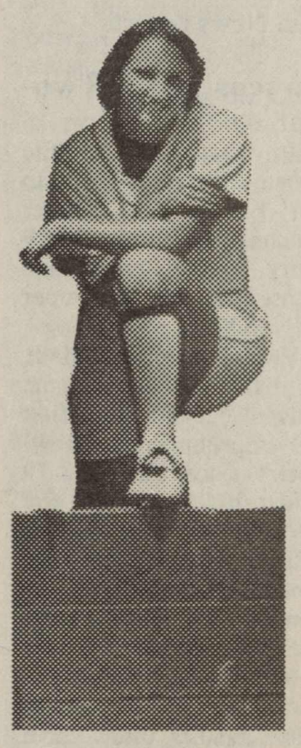
Edgar starts where shortstop Becca Allen left off



Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

"She was a good player, but she is in the past. I am just trying to do what is best for the team."

That is about all that Christina Edgar had to say when asked if she was nervous about taking over at short stop now season and while she has some big shoes to fill, she appears ready for the challenge.

In her time here, Becca rewrote the Northwestern State record books. Among her records are the most starts in a season, the school single season record for the most doubles, and the second most career homeruns.

got some very good experience last season as she got to play in 31 games. Last season she batted .203 in 64 at bats with only 19 starts. Her fielding percentage was .941, and that was playing at second base. Now that she is at shortstop, her fielding percentage is expected go up.

"I've concentrated on my hitting two days a week, I've been hitting five," said Edgar.

Coach Wille has seen it necessary to concentrate more on Edgar's batting rather than her fielding. With seven of last season's starters returning, the fielding looks to be in a great position on the field. Christina agrees with this.

She thinks that the team will have for it.

"I am looking forward to next season. It should be a lot of fun," said Edgar. That quote sums up best the theme of our conversation. Christina Edgar is not only looking forward to the 1999 softball season, but she is ready for all the challenges that the season and the short stop's shadow will present.

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Baseball gets six on SLC pre-season list

Sports information

Northwestern State's Ryan Anholt, a 1998 All-American selection, highlights the 1999 Preseason All-Southland Conference Baseball Team released Thursday by the league office.

Anholt, a heavy-hitting shortstop from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, was also named SLC Player of the Year and SLC Newcomer of the Year. He was also named to the 1998 All-Louisiana Baseball Team and the 1998 All-Region squad. Last season, Anholt had a whopping .417 batting average, with 15 home runs, 13 stolen bases, and a school-record 71 RBIs.

Joining Anholt on the first-team is teammate Ronnie Quintana, who was the only other Demon selected as a first teamer. Quintana, a sweet-swinging left-hander from Neosho, Mo., was second on the team with a .312 batting average.

On the second team, senior pitcher David Balcer represents NSU as the only hurler on the squad. A forgotten guy on the staff last season, Balcer posted a solid 7-3 record with a 2.84 ERA. His ERA ranked second on last year's pitching-loaded team.

Third baseman Tom Batson joins Anholt as the only other Demon infielder on the preseason team. Batson hit .278 last season with a team-leading 19 doubles. His 52 RBIs was second only to Anholt's record-setting total.

The last two Demons selected to the squad are senior outfielders Brent Trosclair and Chris Cox.

Trosclair, the starting left fielder and lead-off hitter for a majority of the 1998 campaign, hit .276 last season, with 17 doubles and stole 13 bases, tying him with Anholt for the team lead. Trosclair, a three-year letterman who graduated from Oakdale High
School, was one of the hottest Demons at the end of 1998, as he was named to the postseason SLC All-Tournament Team.

Cox completes perhaps the most talented outfield in the league. The big center fielder from Longview, Texas was a key hitter in the clutch for NSU last season with seven game-winning RBIs, including a two-run home run to defeat nationally-ranked Rice on the road. Cox batted .286 for the year and had an excellent .445 on-base percentage.

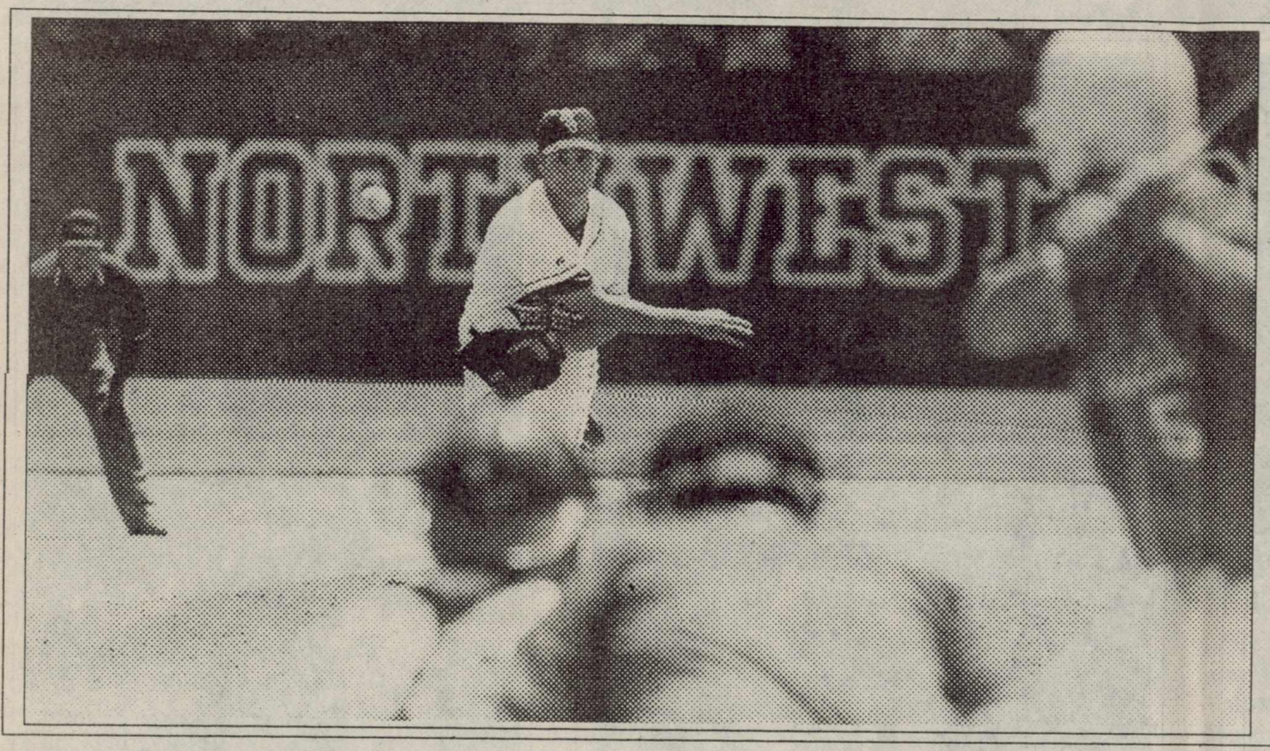
McNeese State's Ben Broussard, the SLC Hitter of the Year in 1998, was selected at first base.

NLU's Bryan Zander was named at second base, while Matt Mize of Texas-Arlington, along with Anholt at shortstop, complete the infield. Joining Quintana in the outfield are UTSA's Jeff Juarez and Kent Wallis, along with Justin Lewis of NLU. Nicholls State, which represented the Southland Conference in the NCAA tournament last season, placed
designated hitter Scott Duplantis on the squad, the only Colonel to be named to the first team.

Joining Balcer on the second team are pitchers Kevin Sprague of McNeese State and Cade Sanchez of Texas-Arlington. John-Paul Davis, also of Texas-Arlington, was selected as catcher. First baseman Mackey Waguespack and shortstop Gavin Fingleson represent Southeastern Louisiana on the team, while Nicholls State second baseman Jacques Jobert, along with Batson, complete the second team infield.

NLU's Jason Wolfe, along with Trosclair and Cox, was selected to the second team outfield, while Tommy Cliff of Sam Houston State was selected as designated hitter.

Northwestern State's total of six players was the most selected to the preseason team, bettering Northeast Louisiana by one.



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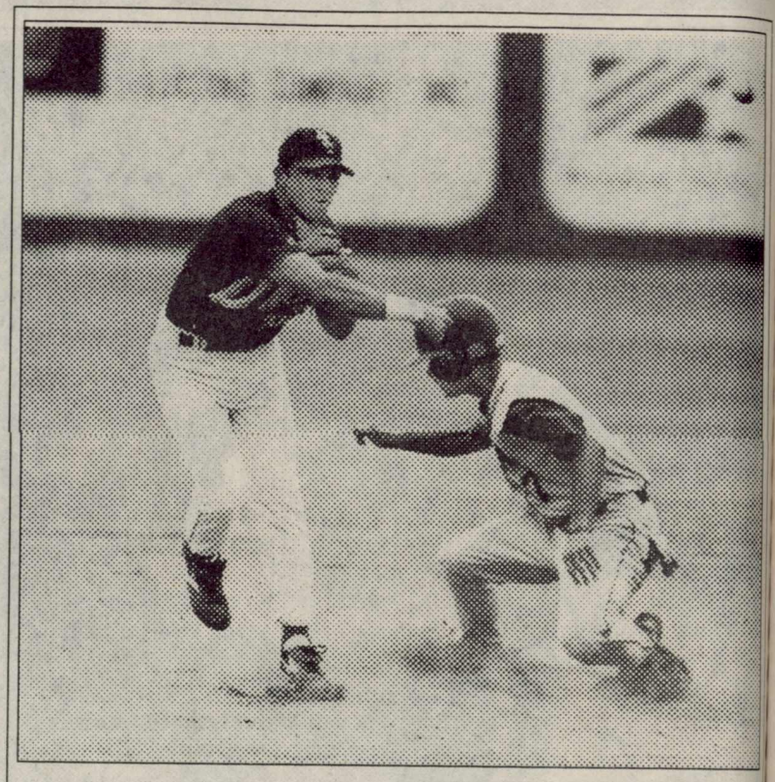
Some of the players lost last year included ace pitcher Brian Lawrence, who began pitching in the minor leagues this summer.



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Second baseman Josh Hoffpauir will also returns for the Demons this year.

Demons picked second in polls

Sports information

The Northwestern State University Demon baseball team, winners of six league titles this decade, were picked to finish second in the conference behind the Northeast Louisiana Indians by both coaches and Sport Information Directors in preseason polls conducted by the Southland Conference.

NSU, which finished the 1998 season 40-20 overall and 15-8 in the SLC, won their sixth Southland Conference baseball title of the decade last season. This feat ranks the Demons first among NCAA Division I programs with most conference titles this decade. Despite this amazing accomplishment, NLU was voted the team to beat in the league this season by both coaches and Sports Information Directors.

"I'm amazed we got the votes we did," said head coach John Cohen. "We lost four quality pitchers from last year's team, all of which were drafted to play professional baseball. Any time you lose pitching talent of that caliber, you would expect people to think your team will have a down year. It was a surprise to see this much respect."

Although NSU lost pitchers Brandon Emanuel, Brian Lawrence, Allen Davis, and Chris Brown, whom all pitched for minor league baseball teams last summer, Cohen feels that the pitching staff will be up to the challenge.

"We feel our pitching staff has tremendous depth," says Cohen. "Although fairly young, they are energetic and excited about the opportunity to step in and contribute."

Six starters return from last year's team, including All-American and Southland Conference Player of the Year, shortstop Ryan Anholt.

NSU's schedule this season will definitely test the team, with games against sixth-ranked Rice University, eighth-ranked LSU, 13th-ranked Alabama, 27th-ranked UCLA, and two games against perennial Sun Belt Conference power USL. The schedule will also increase the number of conference games from 23 to 27, with the addition of Lamar. The Demons will now play three-game series against each SLC opponent.

After NLU and NSU, newcomer Lamar was picked to finish third in both preseason polls. In the Coaches Poll, Southwest Texas was picked fourth, followed by McNeese and Nicholls State, last season's SLC representative in the NCAA tournament. Sam Houston State, Texas-Arlington, Texas-San Antonio, and Southeastern Louisiana round out the Coaches Poll.

In the Sports Information Directors Poll, McNeese is picked fourth, followed by Southwest Texas and Nicholls State, with Texas-Arlington, Sam Houston State, Southeastern Louisiana, and Texas-San Antonio placing at the bottom of the poll.

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The six-time champ of the 1990s kick the season off when they take on Louisiana Tech Bulldogs Saturday February 5th at 1 p.m.

At the wire.....

From News reports

Broncos get Two-peat

In what could be the ultimate Mile High Salute to John Elway, the Denver Broncos rolled to a 34-19 victory Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII.

Elway, the game's MVP, passed for 336 yards as the Broncos became the first AFC repeat Super Bowl winners since the 1978-79 Pittsburgh Steelers. The Falcons, trailing 17-6 at halftime, played into the Broncos' grand scheme by repeatedly blowing scoring chances deep in Denver territory.

Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler threw three second-half interceptions to follow three first-half drives inside the Broncos' 11 that netted just two field goals.

UCLA, Maryland drop

Sunday was not so super for two highly ranked college men's basketball teams.

Maryland lost some of the shine from this Wednesday's Atlantic Coast Conference showdown with Duke when the Terrapins were upset by Wake Forest 85-72.

UCLA was victimized by a string of technical fouls and fell to Washington 93-83. Maryland and UCLA each dropped two spots in the USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches' poll, the Terps to sixth and UCLA to 13th.

Student Athlete of the Week

Alann Polk
Basketball

The sophmore guard score 20 points in the Demons loss to Southwest Texas State. Polk had a 60 per cent aim from the perimeter, making 6-of-10 three-pointer. The Demons drop to 7-10 overall and 4-5 in the Southland Conference.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Basketball
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Student Athlete of the Week

Louise Chase
Women's Basketball

The senior forward scored 19 point and had nine boards in the 65-51 upset over Texas San Antonio. Chase scored 20 point and had seven boards in Thursday's win over Sw Texas. The Lady Demon are 14-3 overall and 9-0 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Women's Basketball
SW Texas
February 4@5:30 p.m.

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Colvin crowned 42nd Miss LOB

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

A packed auditorium watched at Friday night's Lady of the Bracelet Pageant as Shelley Colvin became the forty-second Miss Lady of the Bracelet.

The pageant's theme "Celebrating 40 years of Lady of the Bracelet" was incorporated throughout the program. Eighteen of the 41 previous Miss Ladies of the Bracelet rose from a platform beneath the stage in the opening number of the pageant. The previous winners were also featured in a later entertainment segment with several members of the NSU Men's Chorus.

Ed Brazo's LOB dancers, the NSU Men's Chorus, and the NSU Jazz Band entertained the audience throughout the evening. The LOB dancers captivated the audience with several performances including a swinging 20's dance. The Demon Dazzlers also danced to "Lookin' for Trouble." The reigning Miss LOB Rebecca Dauzat performed her unique talent of clogging to "Great Balls of Fire."

Kahne Dipola Bandaries, the first Miss Lady of the Bracelet, believed that the pageant and Northwestern had changed since she was Miss LOB in 1959.

"This has been a wonderful experience," Bandaries said. "It was truly an honor to come back and participate in the pageant."

According to Bandaries, most of the women were excited about seeing the changes of NSU, but she felt parts of NSU had not changed.

"I felt like I was coming home," Bandaries said. "After all of these years, this is still the Northwestern I remember."

Before the winners of the evening were announced, Dauzat gave a tearful farewell in the traditional Miss LOB's farewell walk.

Miss Louisiana Heather Dupree, the emcee of the night, announced the winners of the evening. Senior Shelley Colvin, the 1997 first runner-up of Miss LOB, became the first woman in LOB history to sweep all of the preliminary categories, winning the talent, swimsuit, and evening gown awards. She also won the People's Choice Award, which was voted on by the audience after the talent competition.

Miss Congeniality , which is voted on by the contestants of the pageant, and fourth runner-up was awarded to Christal Traylor. Third runner-up was awarded to Amanda Duncan; second runner-up to Rebecca Brettel; and first runner-up to Jamie Freeman, who is awarded a half scholarship by the SAB.

According to Colvin, winning all of the preliminaries came as a surprise. She also said that she enjoyed participating in the LOB pageant more than other pageants.

"LOB is not like any other pageant," Colvin said. "It's so much fun to be in this pageant that you almost forget you're competing for something."

Colvin was awarded a one year scholarship to the University by the Office of Admission and Recruiting, free textbooks from the University Bookstore, a meal plan provided by ARAMARK, $500 cash and a free trip to the Miss Louisiana Pageant provided by the SAB.

Colvin is not the only Nortwestern female student that will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant. Other students, have won pageants in their hometowns.

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LOB contestant Rebecca Brettel (left) helps 1998 Miss LOB Rebecca Dauzat (right) crown the new 1999 Miss LOB Shelley Colvin during Friday night's pageant.

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Colvin won the swimsuit competition as well as the talent and evening gown competitions.

University Columns cracking down on parking problems

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

Parking for residents at the University Columns has improved greatly over the last semester.

This semester the University Columns management has enforced the "No Visitor Parking" rule.

Cars that are subject to towing are cars that are double parked, parked in a no parking zone, and cars that do not have a resident and university sticker.

We hate having to use towing to ensure that our residents have a parking space, but if it helps our residents, then we will continue to tow," Aaron Babcock, managing director said.

There are several ways that the Columns decide to tow a vehicle. If the lot is full, the columns assistant (CA) on duty will check each vehicle's stickers and make a list to give to the tow truck driver who then begins towing the unauthorized vehicles. Another reason, is if a resident reports an illegal vehicle to their CA.

The last way a vehicle is towed is if they are parked in the Columns when the CA on duty does a routine check of the parking lot.

"I think that the towing process at the University Columns is good, but we need some kind of pass for our parents," Chas Barrington, a resident at the Columns, said.

When a tow truck is called, the university police are also called. They make sure that nothing gets damaged. Towing can cost the owner of the vehicle up to $75 per towed vehicle. The money must be paid up front in order to get the vehicle back.

The University Columns does not receive any of the money collected from the towing company. Students can pick their cars up at either Archie's or K-Mac.

The University Columns is trying hard to meet the residents' needs. In addition to towing all semester, they are planning to build a new parking area below Greek hill. The Columns hope to have this new parking lot by next fall.

NPHC restructuring

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is in the process of reorganization.

New chapters are to be recolonized and rechartered. The NPHC will be more like a national council.

The Constitution will be rewritten to comply with the national constitution. Presidents from fraternities and sororities are coming together to decide what to change in the Constitution.

It must make sure the governing bodies are meeting the needs of the chapters.

"This is a positive step for the NPHC. They've already had a meeting to get things going," Reatha Cox, director of Greek Relations, said.

Several administrative offices relocate on campus

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

If you have been to Roy Hall lately and feel a little lost, it is because several offices have moved.

The following are the offices that moved: the Graduate School moved to room 110B of the Teacher Education Center, the Office of Admissions and Recruiting moved to room 209 of Roy Hall, and the Office of Student and Financial Aid has enlarged to room 103 of Roy Hall.

The premise behind the moves was to make more room for financial aid to expand. The department needed more room for existing, and future personnel.

"I don't think it [the move] could have waited," said Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky. "Financial aid needs the whole wing to operate efficiently."

"This move will give us badly needed additional space for the Financial Aid office," Director of Enrollment Services Chris Maggio said.

So far, there have been no major problems. The move went well according to Lucky.

"Everybody moved quickly," said Lucky. "The movers were great."

If any students are unclear about the changes made, signs are posted on the doors of the main entrance to Roy Hall.

Banners have also been ordered to help direct students around. Students can also ask any of the workers questions or directions.

"We're here and ready to help," said Lucky.

Campus reacts to University's mistake

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Improvements in the Financial Aid Office are already underway to ensure the one-million-dollar mistake never happens again.

According to a report obtained from the Louisiana Auditor, the University is $456,443 in debt to the Federal Government due to the improper disbursement of Title IV funds by the University's Office of Student Financial Aid over the period of July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

The findings were a result of inaccurately monitoring of the hours and academic progress of students who were receiving the Title IV funds.

In managing this mistake, President Webb has already put an improvement plan for the University's Financial Aid Office into action.

Reassignments of staff responsibilities have been made, and more space has been added to provide an area more conducive to students.

The Financial Aid Office has expanded and now occupies what used to be the Recruiting Office in room 103 of Roy Hall.

Future plans include: providing additional computers that are faster and better for networking with the Federal Government and improving telephone services.

"If necessary we will hire more people to dedicate their entire day to make sure no phone call goes unanswered," President Webb said. "We want to try to do anything to simplfy things for students."

The University also requested that the Office of Education send an Institutional Improvement Specialist to ensure that the Financial Aid Office is doing everything possible in providing students with the absolute best service.

A hierarchy review of students progress has been developed to prevent improper disbursement of Financial Aid funds in the future.

"I think that problems like this can be avoided if the University would spend more money on hiring more staff to organize financial aid's accounting," Rhett Crosby, senior journalism major said. "If the University would be willing to spend a little money in the beginning it could save them a lot of money in the end. That's part of doing things right."

> **"I just hope that this million-dollar mistake does not happen again. Lord knows neither the students nor the University can afford it."**
>
> **Jill Worth**
> **Sophomore**
> **elementary education major**

"I understand that everybody makes mistakes," Jill Worth, sophomore elementary education major said. "I just hope that this million-dollar mistake does not happen again. Lord knows neither the students nor the University can afford it."

According to Carl Jones, Vice President of Business Affairs, this is not a common occurrence and will not become one.

"We want to ensure the students that this is not routine," Jones said.

But some are still worried that the repayment will be charged back to student accounts.

"I hope that the University takes responsibility for its actions, rather than making the students pay for their mistake," Shade Dufrene, senior hospitality management and tourism major said.

"The University should repay all misused funds, as long as the payments do not affect budgets that are set aside for student services," John Hatley, history graduate student said.

According to Jones, the University had budgeted conservatively this year anticipating an enrollment drop; however, the drop in enrollment was not as severe as anticipated. If the unexpected enrollment funds increase the operating budget enough, the University could have enough money to repay the debt all at once. The University is currently evaluating spring enrollment to determine the possibility of paying-off the debt by the March 1 deadline.

"Adjustments in Financial Aid are routine," Jones said. "They are not occurring because of the repayment process."

"Any repayment plan will have absolutely no impact on students," President Webb said.

To ensure that this mistake never happens again, the University plans to use technology to enhance Financial Aid's accuracy and efficiency.

"I want Northwestern's Financial Aid to be the best," President Webb said. "Our main goal is to have a Financial Aid Office that the students, especially, can be proud of."

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Winners of the 1999 Miss LOB Pageant include (from left) Christal Traylor, fourth runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Amanda Dunca, third-runner-up; Jamie Freeman, first runner-up; Shelley Colvin, Miss LOB and winner of People's Choice Award and Rebecca Brettel, second runner-up.

The staff at The Current Sauce wants to wish all of you a happy Valentine's Day and a safe, fun-filled Mardi Gras!

ISEP offers several opportunities to study abroad

For the first time, the International Student Exchange Program is offering several summer placement opportunities.

In the past, only semester or academic year placements were available. There are English language programs at Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland, Korea University and Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. There is a summer German program at TU Braunschweig and a Spanish program at ITESM in Mexico.

Also, applications for placements during the 1999-2000 academic year are still being accepted. The deadline for the first round of placements was Feb. 1. A second round will be completed in late April or May.

"The study abroad experience is so great," Tom Whitehead, program director, said. "I just hope more Northwestern students can take advantage of the unique opportunity afforded them through our membership in ISEP."

Whitehead can be reached in room 103 Kyser Hall or by calling 357-5213.

Valentine's Day not just a 'Hallmark holiday'

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Some say Valentine's Day is a Hallmark Holiday, but in fact, Valentine's Day has been around before Hallmark sold greeting cards, beanie babies, or ever existed for that matter.

To check out all the information on the holiday of lovers for yourself, look on the world-wide web at http://www.holidays.net/amore/.

Valentine's Day began somewhere around the third century. A Christian priest named Valentine secretly wedded couples forbidden to marry by Roman law.

At the same time, the Roman emperor Claudius II wanted all single men to fight in his armies because he didn't want soldiers distracted by families. Valentine disregarded the law and was arrested and beheaded on Feb. 14, 269. Thus, he became the patron saint of lovers.

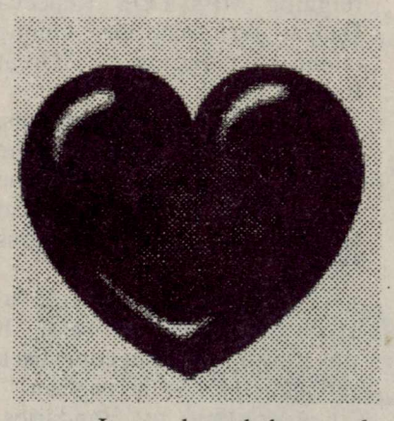
There is also another story of a man named Valentine. This second Valentine lived around the same time, and was martyred the same day as St. Valentine. He was a Roman priest arrested by Claudius II. Valentine confessed his faith before Claudius II.

He denounced all Roman Gods and was sent to prison. There, he befriended the blind daughter of his jailer. Valentine cured her and converted his captors to Christianity. When Emperor Claudius heard of this, he beheaded Valentine.

The story doesn't end there, however, both Valentines were beheaded on the eve of the Roman holiday of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was celebrated about two-hundred years after the two Valentines' deaths.

In the early days of Rome, wolves roamed the woods nearby. The Romans called upon Lupercus, one of their gods, to keep the wolves away. On Feb. 15, a festival was celebrated in honor of Lupercus. One of the customs in the festival was name-drawing.

On the eve of Lupercalia, Feb. 14, the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed in jars. Each young man drew a slip of paper. The girl whose name was chosen was to be his sweetheart for the



year. It was hoped the couple would fall in love and there would be no reason for the two to enter the drawing the next year.

It is believed by some, the feast of Lupercalia was combined with the Feb. 14, feast for Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage. The holiday was moved to the day of the anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Valentine.

Valentine's Day wasn't just a Roman holiday. Cupid, that famous, mischievous, valentine symbol has always played a role in the celebrations of love and lovers. His arrows pierce the heart of victims causing them to fall deeply in love.

Ancient Greeks knew him as Enos, son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. The Romans began calling him Cupid, and his mother was Venus.

Valentine greetings go as far back as the Middle Ages, when lovers said or sang the Valentine's. It wasn't until the fifteenth century that written valentine's began to appear. The oldest valentine in the world is still on display in a British museum. Valentines became widespread in Europe and especially in England. The early valentines were made by hand and were made with colored paper, watercolors, and colored inks.

Many different types of valentines surfaced throughout time. Acrostic valentines are valentine's that spell out the names of loved ones. Cutout valentines involve a piece of paper that is folded many times and a lace-like design is cut with scissors.

Pinprick valentines were made by pin pricking tiny holes in paper with a pin or needle creating a lace-like design, as well. The Orient is responsible for creating theorum or Poonah valentines. These designs were painted through a stencil cut in oil paper.

Rebus valentines have pictures in place of words (an eye instead of I). A puzzle purse valentine was a folded puzzle with verses that were to be read in order as the puzzle was unfolded. Lastly, Frankfurt valentines had ornamental lettering in the style of illuminated manuscripts from the Middle Ages.

So this year, you don't have to patronize Hallmark, create one of your own "old-fashioned" valentines. Send one to your loved one, your friends, and your family.

Mardi Gras much more than partying in New Orleans

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

The celebration of Mardi Gras dates back much farther than parties in New Orleans; it has been going on since the middle of the second century in Rome.

This time of celebration for the Romans was the Lupercalia; when participants would put on masks and costumes, give themselves up to the gods Bacchus and Venus, and consider all pleasure allowable.

"A possible ancestor of the celebration was the Lupercalia, a circus-like orgy held in mid-February in Rome" states Arthur Hardy's Mardi Gras Guide.

From Rome, the celebration then spread throughout Europe and finally to America. On March 3, 1699, the French explorer Iberville and his men camped at a site 60 miles south of New Orleans. While there christened the area Point du Mardi Gras in honor of the major holiday.

In the late 1700s, there were balls and festivals held in New Orleans celebrating this time. The masked balls were popular during French rule but were later banned by the Spanish governors. The ban on the balls lasted until 1823, when the Creole people requested the governor to lift the ban. However, it was not until 1837, that the first parade was held, which consisted of a group of costumed people on foot.

From then on, Mardi Gras has grown and attracted many different people.

"A visit by the Russian Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff was the partial inspiration for the first appearance of Rex in 1872," states Authur Hardy's Mardi Gras Guide.

"The Fifties provided international publicity and continued expansion of Mardi Gras. Real royalty, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, honored the make-believe Monarchs of Merriment as they bowed to Rex and Comus at the 1950 Comus ball."

Mardi Gras has become a defining part of Louisiana's culture. In fact, it has traveled to Natchitoches. On Feb. 13, the city's first ever Mardi Gras parade will be held at 5:00 p.m.

'Celebrating Forty Years of LOB'

Part of the University's unique history was celebrated Friday during the 40th anniversary of the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. To celebrate the anniversary, several former Ladies of the Bracelet joined in the evening's festivities. In the opening number of the pageant, the ladies were lifted from the orchestra pit onto the stage before hundreds of cheering fans. Kahne Diploa Bandaries, the first Miss LOB who was crowned in 1959, said it was truly an honor to participate in the pageant. She and other winners said they were excited to come back and see what changes had taken place at the University. Even though there were some changes, she said it was still the same Northwestern she remembered. *The Current Sauce* congratulates all the past and present winners.

SENATE MINUTES

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Feb. 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate David Gunn at approximately 7:05p.m., in room 221 of the Student Union.

Senator Ja'Juan Allen led the invocation followed by Senator Joni Naquin who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
There were fourteen senators in attendance

Speaker of the Senate, David Gunn moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from January 25, 1999. The motion was seconded by Senator Matthew Comeaux and approved by the senate.
The Speaker asked for officer reports:

TREASURER: Lucas Shaw reported on the Undergraduate Givens Program. He reported that he would have updates on SFA similar program at the next SGA meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT:
Angelique Duhon reported on her meeting with Election Committee chairman, Madi Rozas. She asked for senators to please contact her if they are interested in assisting with the election board. She announced that The Greek Council would be invited to join the SGA and the President on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at Iberville. This will give "Greek" leaders an opportunity to express their concerns with Greek Life, as well as, Greek Row.

PRESIDENT: Luke Dowden
* Expressed need to approve T-shirt design for Freshman Connection.
* Expressed need to review Scantron Committee Suggestions
* Reported on COSBP scheduled for February 6&7
* Reported on COSGA at Texas A & M
* Announced that he will be leaving Wednesday to travel to Baton Rouge to serve on the Board of Regents Task Force on Performance Incentive Funding
* Announced that the Fee Oversight Committee Meeting is on Wednesday at 2:00PM.
* Received no word on ITAC
* Traffic Appeals Committee will meet next Monday at 2:00p.m. in Room 316
* Traffic & Safety Committee will meet next Tuesday at 2:00p.m. in Room 221.
* Remind your organizations of grant deadline which is February 5, 1999 at noon
* Expressed need for Senate to approve budget for honors breakfast
* Asked that Dr. Anthony Scheffler be appointed to the Fee Oversight Committee
* Asked that Niko Tesvich and Eric Smith be appointed Senators in new business

Speaker Gunn requested that the Senate move to new business so that Luke's appointment's, Eric Smith and Niko Tesvich, be approved as Senators.
Senator Rusty Broussard requested that the appointments be approved separately by the Senate.

David Gunn moved that the Senate approve Luke's appointment of Niko Tesvich to the Senator position. The motion was seconded by Rusty and approved by the Senate.

David Gunn moved that the Senate approve Luke's appointment of Eric Smith to the Senator position. The motion was seconded by Rusty and approved by the Senate.

The Speaker of the Senate asked for Committee Reports:

STUDENT AFFAIRS:
Wednesday meeting at 5:00

FISCAL: Committee Chairman Paul not in attendance, no report

ACADEMIC: Greg Gelpi, reported that the Committee met and came up with an idea of Dr. Burns co-sponsoring honors breakfast.

EXTERNAL: Rusty, requests all the committee times and members so that it could be reported on the webpage. Please update Senator profiles.

The Casey Shannon radio show will begin next week

INTERNAL: Meetings are before the SGA meeting

SAB: Committee Chairman Jamie not in attendance, no report
Speaker requested any Old Business:

Speaker Gunn requested that the Senate approve guidelines for Scantrons and Freshman Connection T-shirt designs.

A motion was made and seconded by the Senate to open the floor on discussion on the scantron give-away guidelines. A motion was made by Senator Matthew Comeaux to throw out the suggestions and rewrite them. The motion was seconded by Speaker David Gunn and approved by the Senate.

A motion was made to open the floor for discussion on Bill FA98-009/ the Freshmen Connection T-shirt design. Senator Allen called question. The vote was five in favor, five against, and 2 abstentions. The vote failed because there was no quorum.

No Special Reports

Vice President Duhon distributed Christmas gifts donated by Mrs. Lucille Hendrick

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker David Gunn at approximately 7:55p.m.

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Briefs

Jordan's king dies

AMMAN, Jordan -- King Hussein of Jordan died Sunday at 11:43 a.m. (4:43 EST) from cancer in a hospital.

Hussein, who survived repeated assassination attempts as he walked the tightrope of Mideast politics, died after a seven-month battle with lymphatic cancer.

He had lingered unconscious on a respirator for two days after returning home to Jordan last week to die.

In keeping with Islamic tradition, the funeral will be held quickly -- just 24 hours after Hussein's heart gave out.

Hussein's eldest son, Abdullah, was sworn in Sunday to succeed his father.

President Bill Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were among those planning to attend.

University offers non-credit classes

The University's Office of Continuing Education will present non-credit classes in debt reduction, Cajun dance and notary public certification this month.

A "Back-in-the-Black Debt Workshop" will be taught Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in room 213 of Russell Hall.

The fee for the class is $40 plus a $5 workbook fee.

A Cajun dance class will be offered on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Prather Coliseum from Feb. 22 until March 29.

Instructors Bobbie and Billy Keyes will teach the Cajun two-step, waltz and jigg. The course is limited to couples and those 18 or over. There is a fee of $70 per couple for the class.

A notary public certification class will be taught Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 229 of Russell Hall from Feb. 22 until March 29.

The course, taught by attorney Rodney Harrington, is the official course for those wishing to be a notary public in Natchitoches, Sabine and Red River parishes. The test given at the end of the course is the official notary public test for those parishes. The fee for the class is $80.

For more information on any of the classes, call 357-5682 or (800) 376-2422.

Two injured near parade in Houma

HOUMA -- Two men were shot and injured near a Mardi Gras parade late Friday night.

Both men were shot in the head in a parking lot just off Main Street as the Krewe of Hercules parade of floats passed by, said police officials.

One of the two was also shot in the leg when the gunman fired shots around 10:40 p.m.

Police believe as many as four people may have been involved in the incident that led to the shooting, but authorities believe only one person fired the shots.

No arrests were made late Friday night. The victims were taken to a local hospital for treatment, but officials didn't know which one.

Officials said the weapon used in the shooting was probably a semiautomatic pistol. Police found 12 shell casings at the scene.

Give your sweetie a singing telegram for Valentine's Day

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

If you're looking for a way to show that special someone you care on Valentine's Day, the members of S.T.U.N. have just what you need.

On. Feb. 8-12, S.T.U.N. will be offering singing telegrams. People may have a singing telegram sent to that special someone from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. anywhere on campus.

S.T.U.N. members are offering musical tunes from Broadway and music from the 1950s and 1960s. They are open to suggestions for any songs someone would like to personally write for their valentine.

The money raised from this event will help S.T.U.N. send students to the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), which allows students to audition for summer stock jobs.

The money will also help furnish the S.T.U.N. library that contains scripts and books are helpful to the organization.

S.T.U.N. is selling the singing telegrams for only $5 and can be purchased by stopping in room 122 the Fine Arts Building or by contacting Brian Sterling at nsste4088@alpha.nsula.edu.

Got a nose for news? If so, give us a call at 357-5456 or stop by room 225 in Kyser Hall every Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Weekly meetings are held Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305.

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:30 p.m.. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Delta Sigma Theta: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta would like to invite you to share any poetry that you have written or read about whatever subject that has inspired you on Feb. 9. at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. If you would like to share your poems, call 354-1749 or 354-7993 or contact any member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

'All of God's Children'

Natchitoches organization gives assistance to needy, homeless

Courtney LaCour
Staff Reporter

Using prayer as its guidance, an area organization is working to better the lives of those who are in need, yet may be hesitant to help.

Members of the Natchitoches-based organization Needy, Helpless and Homeless spend their free time assisting people with problems ranging from lack of food and shelter to not having enough money to pay for utilities.

Needy, Helpless and Homeless is a chartered, non-profit organization founded in the Natchitoches area about 13 years ago when concerned residents saw a need to reach out to others.

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Deputy John Below is president and one of the founders of the organization. He said the group helps protect and serve all types of people.

"We help all of God's children," Below said.

Alice Hardison, organizational secretary, said God definitely played a part in giving them their incentive.

"It was spiritual guidance," Ms. Hardison said. "God spoke out. We saw there were several people that needed help."

Because the need for help is a constant one, Ms. Hardison estimated that three or four people come to her every day with requests for assistance. She said it is the organization's goal to help those who are down on their luck and in need of a fresh start.

In fact, members of Needy, Helpless and Homeless recently assisted a family that was reportedly living in a tent somewhere in Natchitoches. The organization helped the family get back on their feet again, and one family member is working at a local restaurant.

The assistance they provide varies from case to case. They have helped out of town motorists who are stranded and need a place to stay the night, and they have helped people who couldn't afford to heat their homes during the winter months.

They have even helped college students who found themselves in a bind.

Natchitoches resident Renee Myers was one of those people whose life was changed because of the kindness of this organization.

About five years ago, Ms. Myers said she was in a "transitional phase." She was looking to move her children into a better place to live and trying to get a new job. With everything happening at once, she said, the costs of living simply became too much to handle.

She said Needy, Helpless and Homeless helped pay the deposit for her new apartment and switch her utilities, allowing her to move her children away from a dangerous neighborhood.

"I believe it was through their help and prayer that I got this apartment," Ms. Myers said. "They made me feel very comfortable -- I had the tendency to feel like I wasn't good enough."

She said the move to a better home helped boost her children's morale. Now, she has one son in college and is even in college herself.

"They were like guardian angels," she said.

Members of the organization emphasized that they don't help people who only want a free ride. They only help those who are willing to help themselves.

Before providing any assistance, people must fill out an application and are screened to determine whether or not they are truly in need. In addition, Ms. Hardison said they don't give cash -- they only provide assistance for what they can verify.

Below, who also serves on the Natchitoches City Council, admits the work of giving such widespread assistance can't be done alone. He said numerous businesses, clubs and churches have generously donated food, clothing, money and anything else the organization might need.

Both Below and Ms. Hardison urged people to take a close look at those around them. Any person could be in need of assistance without others knowing.

"It could be your next door neighbor," Ms. Hardison said. "They may just be embarrassed. We're lending them a hand, not ridiculing them. We believe in this; Christianity is used as a guidance."

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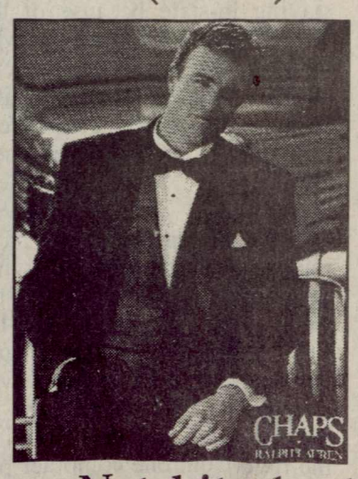

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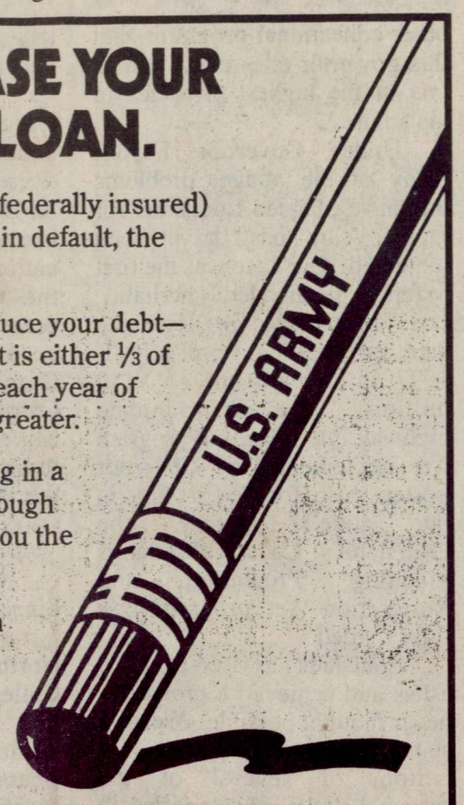

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Opinions

LOB lacks audience etiquette

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

A person saunters out and the crowd becomes excited, yelling their support and encouragement. Another walks out, and the crowd proceeds to mock and laugh at the person. Is this a football game? No. It's the 1999 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant.

Quite seldom do I become as irate as I am about the pageant. I had the "pleasure" of sitting in the same area as a large group of supporters for several of the contestants. Throughout the evening, these people hooted and hollered as if they were in a stadium watching the Super Bowl.

Hey, I've got a news flash. It wasn't the Super Bowl. It was a pageant - supposedly a civilized event.

As the young woman, who was a part of the entertainment, sang "It Had to Be You," the ladies (I use the term loosely) beside me proceeded to loudly carry on a conversation that was heard across the auditorium.

Later, as one of the African American contestants walked across the stage, the group sitting beside me snickered and said, "She doesn't have a chance."

This angered me to no end. Pageantry is not a team effort by the contestant's sororities. It is, or should be, an individual competition.

Likewise, as another of the contestants performed her talent, the group beside me struck up yet another conversation saying that this girl would be better to hide herself than finish the pageant.

But, when their "sister" proceeded onto the stage, she received their undivided attention. Not a word was spoken, and when I made an effort to whisper a comment to my boyfriend, I was immediately hushed.

As if the proceedings during the pageant were not reason enough for my anger, the end of the pageant reminded me of a crowd rushing the field in a soccer game in Brazil. As I rose, along with the other members of the audience, to applaud the winner of the pageant, I was pushed and shoved by a horde of squealing women. A friend of mine, who was sitting on the front row, later told me that she feared her life when she looked up and saw the women rushing towards her like a pack of stampeding elephants.

I've participated in a variety of competitions throughout my life, so I know the importance of having supporters. However, it seems to me that the encouragement displayed Friday night could have been more refined. Many people across the state get their opinion of NSU from the LOB pageant. What an opinion they must have after this pageant, ladies.

Editorial

There are only two things I wanted to cover this week.

First, I want to explain our policy on inserts and advertisements. *The Current Sauce* is a newspaper with a paid staff and other expenditures; therefore, it needs advertisements to help supplement its overhead. Advertisements are a necessity, unless you, as students, are willing to raise your three dollar fee, they will continue to be sold and put into the paper. For this reason, *The Current Sauce* included the anti-abortion insert into the paper two weeks ago. Provided the money is right, anyone can place a similar insert in the paper. The content of these inserts can be as wide ranging as anti-abortion to the life of an anthropology student (no matter how boring that might seem).

Secondly, I would like to clarify a couple of points contained in last week's letter from the editor. I hope that a lesson can be learned from the problem. No matter who you are or who your problem is with, you can best solve it by going straight to the source. For instance, if you have a problem with housing call the housing director not the president. If you have a problem with ARAMARK, try talking to the director before you beat Dr. Seymour's door down. And of course, you should feel free to contact me with problems you have concerning *The Current Sauce.*

The fact of the matter is, you are probably going to sit across the table from the person in which your beef is with anyway: so you may as well start there and save yourself some time.

DWD
Shawn Hornsby

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

As an immigrant to Louisiana (by way of North Carolina.....go Heels!) I must confess to my overall ignorance of this state's quirky way of being attractive. I am not alone in this, as most outsiders never attempt to see past the Cajun/Creole/jazz thing.

Where I come from, Crawfish are called Crayfish and they are something that we try to avoid when fishing. If someone tried to eat one of these things we would have found a way to exit their presence!

In North Carolinia we pronounced New Orleans as it is spelled, winced in pain if we put more than two squirts of hot sauce in our food, and knew Gumbo as nothing more than something that Phish sang about.

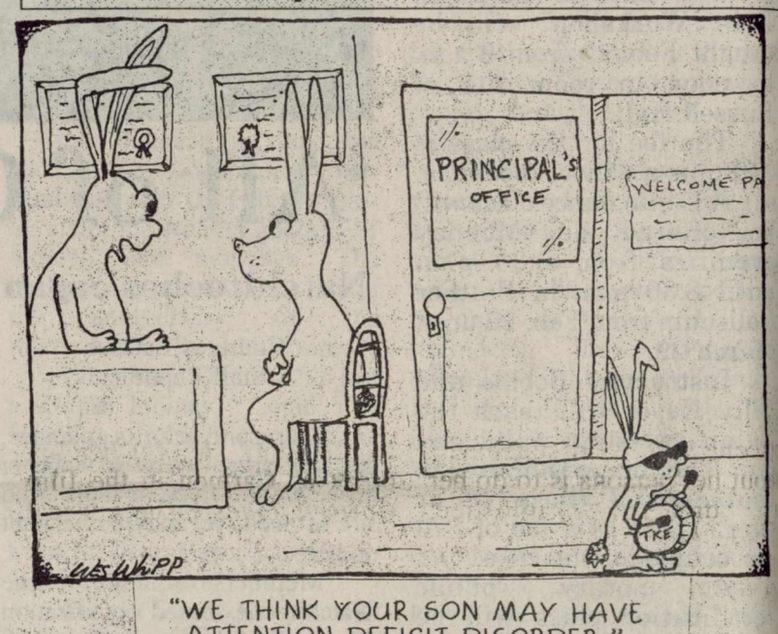
I am proud to say that as I come closer to my big aloha means good-bye in this state, I can hold several parts of it close to my heart.

I will always look fondly upon those late night drives back into town after a football game or concert in Texas, and the knowledge that you are back in the pelican state as your head hits the roof of your automobile that you are in (can we say, "Dire Need Of Funding For Public Roads!!!).

All joking aside, one of the most attractive parts of this state de la creme is this weekend. It never ceases to amaze me when LA natives refer to Mardi Gras in a negative way. So, hundreds of thousands of tourists crowd the streets and wait their turn to show their most personal parts to three guys dressed like beagles in hopes that one will toss down some beads or a stale cigar....what's the harm in that!

So take the weekend and find something in it (preferably something really gaudy with purple and gold feathers!), this is an experience that you can not find anywhere else.

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp



"WE THINK YOUR SON MAY HAVE ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER."

Letters to the Editor

Reader responds to abortion letter

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to the letter in the Current Sauce about the issue of abortion and the rights of people on this campus to express their ideas in the opposition of abortion. First of all, the constitution gives people the right to express their ideas in a peaceful and legal manner, even if it is about a topic that is under much debate in mainstream America.

The letter's author cited that the Supreme Court ruled that a state did not have the power to make abortion illegal. Consider Plessy vs. Ferguson. The courts said that it was "legal" to discriminate against people on the basis of race. Now, most of us will agree that this decision was morally wrong. The courts later rescinded this decision. So, are we to consider abortion good just because the US Supreme Court in 1973 said it could not be made illegal.

What makes up the definition of "viable" anyway? I know many people our age that I would not consider viable and have been around longer than 20 weeks. A human egg, once fertilized, is a separate organism from the "mother." It may not be able to survive without nutrients but I don't know many children less than five years old that can either. If we considered people's worth just on the basis of their present contribution to society, we might as well kill every person over 70 and under 10. You may say that's stupid; that would be murder. One cannot gauge a person's worth on age, from fertilization to death. Take a look at some of the people around you, including yourself. What are the odds that you'll make a permanent impression on society? Given the amount of people that once lived versus how many we read about in the history books, it's not very likely.

I am also "Pro-Choice"...in that I believe that a person has a choice whether or not to have sex. If he or she has sex, they have the CHOICE of whether or not to use adequate protection against becoming pregnant. Sex is designed for procreation. Ask any dog you meet on the street if it would like to have an abortion.

What would it say? It's just an animal. Accepting consequences resulting from our decisions is one thing that separates us from animals. So if we are truly different from animals, we must put thought into the decisions we make, including the act of sex. If you have sex, you are telling your body, "I am trying to get pregnant." When it listens to you, you change your mind, but it's too late. So let's punish the new organism inside, I won't call it human since obviously you don't either, because you choose to kill it. Personally, if I ever get pregnant, which is impossible because I am male, I would be an adult human and live with the consequence of the decision I made and have the baby because that's what it is, viable or not. So in this, I am pro-life.

I hope I have at least made someone consider their ideas on abortion. I am not condemning anyone for expressing his or her opinion or having one. I am just offering my own in an attempt to make others see what I think is right.

Sincerely,
Matt Creighton
Senior
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College Republicans endorse Foster for governor

From the Northwestern State University College Republicans

At the end of this year, the gubernatorial election will be held in the state of Louisiana. Thankfully, Governor Mike Foster has declared that he will seek a second term. We applaud his efforts as governor, not because he is a good Republican, but because he is an outstanding leader. After many years of corrupt governments, bad reputations, and terrible economic recessions, Mike Foster has made Louisiana a place that we can all proudly call home.

Mike Foster has fulfilled many of his campaign goals that he promised this state during his run for office. This in itself is highly unusual for Louisiana politicians, and perhaps signals an end to the nepotism and corruption which has stained the image of this state for so many years. In addition to cleaning up the bureaucratic mess he inherited from Governor Edwards, he has shown an unwavering commitment to education. Many of the state's best intellectual talents are now staying in-state because of the TOPS program. Students who heretofore were unable to attend an institution of higher learning are now able to matriculate from any public university of their choice. Also, teachers nationwide have received significant raises that have raised their standard of living substantially. Governor Foster has an ultimate goal of a one-to-five ratio of students and computers. $38 million was appropriated for technology in the classroom, and thus lowering the ratio from one computer per 90 students to one computer for every 27 students. His four year plan to eliminate the backlog of deferred maintenance at colleges and universities got off the ground with a $30 million installment. It is clearly evident through these and many other educational programs that this governor rates education as one of the highest priorities in his tenure.

Under Governor Foster, many of the budget problems that have plagued Louisiana for many years past have been remedied. Our state was the first to repeal the dreaded Inheritance tax. Sales taxes in Louisiana were cut starting from July 1, 1997 in the amount of $110 million. The prison-inmate highway litter clean-up program was implemented by Governor Foster. Also, for the first time in our state's history, the Louisiana's Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act program was fully funded.

Louisiana has risen from the ashes and achieved a prosperity never thought possible. We, as a state, have come up from the bottom of several of the essential statistical categories, in which states are ranked positively. Louisiana has moved from 46th in the country to 4th in its rate of increase in higher education spending according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. We are 5th in the nation in terms of its percentage decrease in the number of AFDC/TANF recipients. Louisiana was ranked first in the nation in economic growth for the period July '96-July '97 according to Mark Vitner, an economist at First Union Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina. Overall we support Mike Foster in all of his efforts to increase the overall welfare of the state of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

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"Playing for Keeps" is a must read

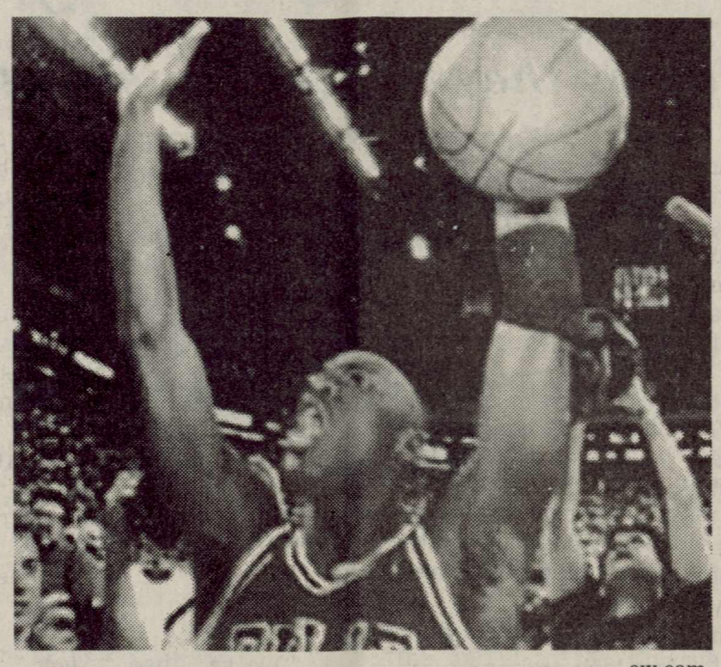
Wire Reports

"That was God disguised as Michael Jordan," Larry Bird said after the Chicago Bulls star scored 63 points against Bird's Celtics in a 1986 play-off game. And when God retires, the world grinds to a halt.

Jordan's farewell to basketball, announced on Jan. 13, was stop-the-presses news, bumping minor incidents like the impeachment of the President back to page 37.

God is in fact somewhat less universally admired than Jordan, the most famous man in the world. Adventurers who stumble into remote African villages or nomadic encampments in Mongolia find small children wearing the No. 23 Bulls jersey. His image is everywhere, and his miracles, like conjuring up last year's NBA championship with a last-minute steal and picture-perfect jump shot, are recited like chapter and verse. And then there's his awe-inspiring Midas touch. Fortune magazine estimated his cumulative economic impact - tickets sold, NBA broadcast contracts fattened, products endorsed - at $10 billion.

It's probably easier to go to pieces than come to terms with this phenomenon, this heroic, fiercely proud, immensely charming, soft-spoken man endowed with transcendent athletic skill, will, and grace, who's also a cultural and commercial juggernaut. Faced with this daunting task, David Halberstam's new book "Playing for Keeps: Michael Jordan and the World He Made" sometimes resembles "Lives of Saints," sometimes



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David Halberstam's new book on Michael Jordan shows the star in a new light.

a dire prophecy about worshipping golden calves (as opposed to sterling Bulls), sometimes a detective report that tails everyone who has ever crossed Jordan's path. But it's a solid and compelling book, even if it doesn't offer any major surprises about its hero and barely touches his private life (Jordan had initially agreed to be interviewed in 1997 but backed out).

Despite its zigzag approach, it zeroes in on Jordan's defining moments, on court and off, and Halberstam's crosscutting, anecdote-fetching method plays to the strengths exhibited in his other books (including "The Best and the Brightest, "Summer of '49," and a previous basketball book, "The Breaks of the Game").

The thumbnail biographical sketches in the book - for instance, of Jordan's coaches Dean Smith and Phil Jackson - resembles parables of old-fashioned integrity or (in the case of some agents, owners, and players) parables of corruption by power and money. In fact, the whole book takes shape as a paradoxical parable of corruption by power and money. In fact, the whole book takes shape as a paradoxical parable.

The underlying theme is that Jordan, the greatest player in the history of the game, drew unprecedented crowds and publicity which did not corrupt him but did corrupt the sport. It's unlikely that younger stars that have contracts and TV commercials handed to them on a platter, can ever match his devotion and disciplined mastery.

The forgotten goddess of women in film

Karly Pierre
Staff Writer

Some critics call Dorothy Dandridge the black version of Marilyn Monroe. Some would simply describe her as the first African-American to earn an Oscar nomination in a leading role. But to be complacent with such statements about her persona is to do her a dreadful injustice. Dandridge was more than that. She was an attitude. She embodied the sensual atmosphere of a smoky nightclub and the grace of a goddess.

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Dorothy Dandridge, the woman many called the black Marilyn Monroe

Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1923, Dandridge performed onstage and in films along with her sister Vivian since childhood. She had a prominent singing career. Dorothy sang with Louis Armstrong in *Going Places* and introduced the Chattanooga Choo Choo in *Sun Valley Serenade*. She went on to make several more movies until she got her big break as Carmen in the film *Carmen Jones*. The musical was a modernization of the opera *Carmen* by Georges Bizet. Though Dandridge's voice was dubbed by opera star Marilyn Horne, Dandridge's appeal had a voice of its own. In one scene of the film Dandridge oh so delicately placed her foot in Harry Belafonte's lap and seductively coaxed him to dry her toenail polish saying: "Blow on 'em, Sugar". This earned her an Oscar nomination.

Despite her fame and notoriety Hollywood made it impossible for her to be thought of as anything else but a black woman. Most roles were limited to unfavorable stereotypical characters, characters below Dandridge's aspirations. Suddenly the offers stopped. Her disappointing career caught up to disappointments in her personal life. She overdosed on antidepressants and died at the age of 42.

Students apply faith to film

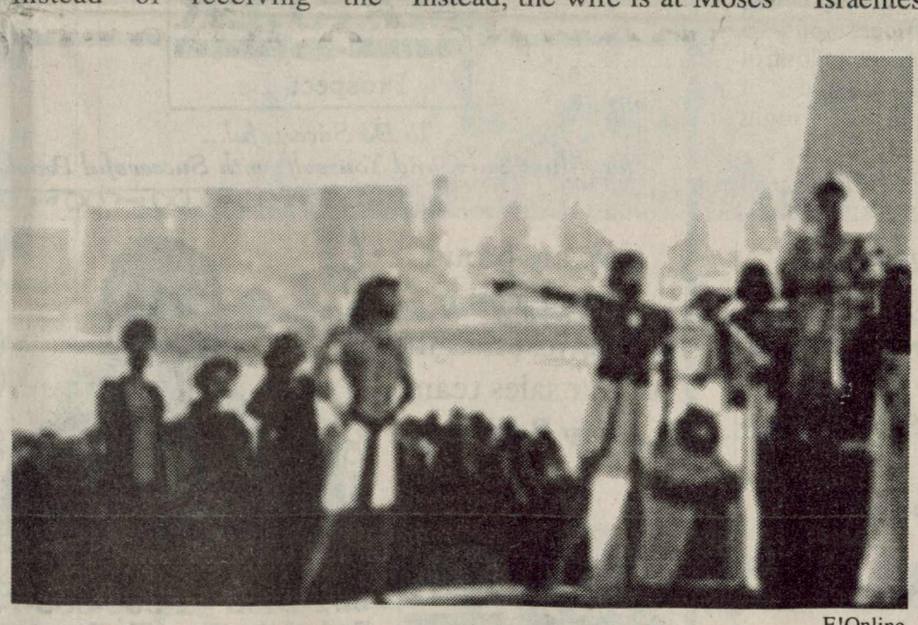
Sara DeBroeck and Charlie Penrod
Contributing Writers

The Prince of Egypt is the latest attempt by the movie industry to adapt a historic event into an animated movie. We were impressed by the number of people who claimed that *The Prince of Egypt* adhered closely to the Biblical story of Moses. In the past, creative license has been the blame for twisting historical truths into absurd fiction. Instead of reviewing this movie, we decided to pull out the Bible and contrast the movie adaptation with the book of Exodus. If you have not watched the movie, you may want to save this article for after you have seen it.

Almost everyone has heard at least fragments of the story of Moses. The pharaoh decrees that the young sons of the Israelite slaves are to be killed. Moses' mother sets him afloat on the river in hopes that he will escape from death. The Egyptian princess finds him and adopts him. She names him Moses, which means "draw out", because she drew him out of the river. The movie diverges from the original story in that Moses does not learn of his origin (or the meaning of his name apparently) until he his grown.

Agitated at his newly found heritage, the animated Moses accidentally kills a foreman for beating a slave by pushing him off scaffolding. Horrified by his crime, Moses flees from Egypt. This account of Moses is much gentler than its ancient counterpart. The Biblical Moses stabs the foreman in cold blood and hides the body in the sand. He only flees Egypt after discovering that there is a witness to his crime.

In an attempt to add a nineties spin to the movie, the wife of Moses is changed from a meek shepherd's daughter to a feisty feminist. Instead of receiving the woman as a gift form her father, the movie depicts the woman as a present to Moses from the pharaoh. But she, not the one to be held captive, escapes the palace only to meet up with Moses once again and become his love interest. His wife's contribution to the story is transformed from a two sentence reference into a starring role. Because Moses is a weak speaker, his brother Aaron was the man who actually spoke to the pharaoh and wielded the extraordinary staff. But according to the movie, Aaron is not even present in the pharaoh's palace. Instead, the wife is at Moses' side.



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Pharaoh sends Moses into the desert in the DreamWorks animated film *The Prince of Egypt*. The film like other Hollywood interpretations of the story of Moses is quite different than the one told in the Bible.

The last obvious inconsistency in the story is the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt into freedom. They have left Egypt and the pharaoh's soldiers are in pursuit. The soldiers, originally held at bay by a "column of clouds", are caught up in a tornado of sorts. Instead of clouds, the tornado is composed of fire that shoots right from the sky. In a frightening and beautiful scene, the Israelites take this opportunity to cross the sea that has parted in an awesome fashion. The soldiers elude the fiery tornado and attempt to follow the Israelites, but are engulfed by the collapsing sea waters. Somehow, the pharaoh is the only Egyptian to survive by riding to shore on a tidal wave. There is no mention of this magnificent accomplishment in the bible.

We could go on and on about the inconsistencies. Granted, the writers had to soften the story for its youthful audience, but many of the changes were unnecessary. Sticking to the original tale would have made this tiring movie much more interesting. But then, they say the book is always better than the movie.

Weekend's top movies

Mel Gibson proves that he's not all that as his new action flick *Payback* comes in at No. 1 at the box-office this past weekend taking in $21.4 million.

Payback is the story of Porter (Gibson), a professional thief and not a very nice guy, who has $70,000 dollars stolen from him and then left for dead. After recovering, Porter must get his money back anyway he can and that includes killing and maiming as many people as he has to (or wants to).

Coming in at No. 2 was last week's No. 1 film, the teen comedy *She's All That* starring Freddie Prinze Jr., with $12 million. It's the story of a "Mr. Popular" who bets he can turn a nobody girl into the prom queen in two months.

After seven weeks in release the Robin Williams dramedy *Patch Adams* came in third place with $4.5 million. Williams plays the title character who is a medical student that believes laughter is the best medicine.

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Tom Hanks in *Saving Private Ryan*

In fourth place was the football flick *Varsity Blues* with $4 million. *Dawson's Creek*'s James Van Der Beek stars as a star quarterback in a small Texas town.

The re-release of *Saving Private Ryan* took in $3.6 million to come in at fifth. This is the Steven Spielberg World War II epic about a group of soldiers that must track down a young private in the midst of the war in Europe.

Rounding out the top 10 were *Shakespeare in Love, A Civil Action, Stepmom, Simply Irresistible* and *You've Got Mail.*

Payback breaks the mold

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

If you thought Mel Gibson's *Mad Max* was mad, you haven't seen anything until you see his newest character in the action packed new release from Paramount Pictures *Payback.*

Gibson plays Porter (no first name needed), a professional thief who doesn't take anything off of anybody. The opening sequences of the movie show him getting patched up from three gunshot wounds, assaulting a beggar on the street, maxing out the credit cards of a man that he pick pocketed and just generally being a real jerk. Later, he rips a nosering from the nostril of a drug dealer, smashes the hand of a surly bartender and kill countless numbers of gangsters.

The story follows Porter as he tries every means necessary to get back $70,000 that was stolen from him by his treacherous partner and wife. He goes from undesirable person to undesirable person in search of the money. Each gives him the run-around and usually that person gets introduced to the dangerous end of Porter's Magnum.

He eventually meets up with the head of the crime organization that has his money, played by Kris Kristofferson, who engages Porter in a round of very *Lethal Weapon* -ish torture. Of course he survives and eventually comes out on top.

Although the film is excessively violent, rivaling some of the more notorious action flicks of all time, and it has virtually no redeeming quality's, this film was appealing in a strange sort of way. There are no good guys at all and Porter's character is even meaner than the scum he is trying to outsmart. It was sort of fun to root for someone who was so despicable and by the end of the film that is exactly what the whole audience was doing.

Oscar winning screenwriter of *L.A. Confidential*, Brian Helgeland, makes his directorial debut with this film that is a loose remake of the 1967 Lee Marvin film *Point Blank*. Shot in Chicago, the film has a bluish and decaying tint to it. No, that's not a faulty projector, Helgeland wanted everything to have a dreary, deteriorating atmosphere to give the characters a backdrop to match their personalities and Chicago, with its Greek style architecture was the perfect setting.

Even though *Payback* is extremely violent and is not for everyone, if your in the mood for an unusual film experience then Paramount Pictures *Payback* is definitely the film for you.

Features

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Year of memories, year of work

Potpourri staff begins to relax as they put the finishing touches on this year's edition

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

"Thank God it's over," Heath Crawford, Editor of the Potpourri, says with a tone of relief. "I can finally have my life back."

It is 2 o'clock on a Monday afternoon and Heath Crawford and Melissa Robertson, Assistant Editor of this year's Potpourri , are anxiously waiting for the final pages of the yearbook to print out.

This is the final deadline for this year's yearbook to be sent to the publisher. It needs to be postmarked by 5 p.m.

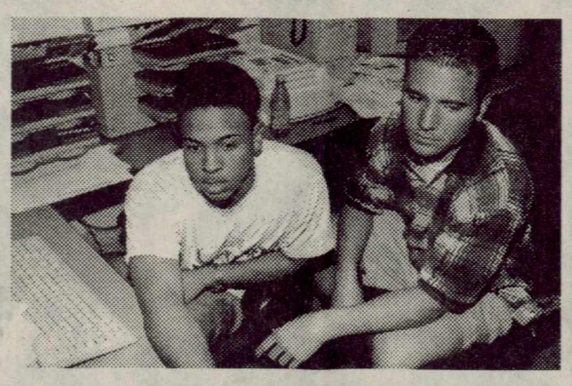
"We had to learn a lot this year," Robertson says as she takes a moment to reflect.

The process began last February when the Potpourri staff started gathering stories for the new edition. The yearbook covers events from one February to the next, and is usually passed out at the end of each spring semester.

The staff has to meet four deadlines, each consisting of 76 pages. The publisher, which is in Dallas, returns proofs of each section for the staff to exam.

"It's really hard to judge a yearbook until we get the final version in May," Tommy Whitehead, journalism professor and Potpourri adviser since 1986, said.

According to Whitehead, each staff goes through a learning process during this year-long project.



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Andre Williams and Heath Crawford proof yearbook pages before the final print.

"We seem to re-invent the wheel every year—it is like a life-cycle," Whitehead continued.

Even though each staff goes faces similar problems and obstacles, it usually results in a good publication. As for this year's editions, it has big shoes to fill.

"We've had such good yearbooks in the past few years that we have gotten spoiled," Whitehead added.

This year's book is titled *Out of Line* , a theme that the staff chose because of the relative inexperience of the staff.

"I had no experience with the yearbook, I had only done photography for it," Crawford said.

However, this inexperience worked to their advantage, according to Crawford and Robertson.

"We had the opportunity to think outside the traditional yearbook format," Crawford continued. "We think that the finished book will appeal to most students because it is not the typical yearbook."

Crawford and Robertson were aided in the past year by the other members of the editorial staff. That staff includes Andre Williams, Layout Editor, Chris Collinsworth, Sports Editor, and Josh Beavers, Copy Editor. The yearbook also employed 12 staff writers.

Each full time student on the Natchitoches and Shreveport campus is charged a $20 fee during the fall semester for the yearbook. Only the students who pay this fee will receive a copy of the Potpourri.

"It was a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun," Crawford added. "It was very fulfilling."

Sauce treated to night on the town, NPD style

Shawn Hornsby
Editor

Have you wondered who protects you from the things that go bump in the night?

The Current Sauce was given a 'front seat' view to the action with the Natchitoches Police Department's A-shift.

Officer Scott Yarnell, a 12 year veteran police officer, led my tour of Natchitoches. I joined his shift at 8:30p.m.

Our first call (8:53p.m.) was to check out reports of a simple battery.

Next we accompanied other NPD officers and a Alcohol Tobacco Control officer to a couple of Natchitoches primer night spots.

First we stopped at Turner's Riding Club on Texas Street. Although nobody claimed it, the officers found a handgun and drug paraphernalia. After leaving Turner's, we proceeded to Bayou Jacko where everything checked out.

Officer Yarnell and I then went to refuel. Our next stop was a clump of pine trees in the median of I-49.

The wait was very brief as we clocked a car at 87 miles per hour. Needless to say, the gentleman received a ticket.

Yarnell then stopped a couple of others where he issued a couple of citations and pulled a plate for no insurance (11:16p.m.).

We reunited with the other officers and the ATC officer at the Pinnacle. Although no underage people were caught drinking, *the ATC officer found three bottles of liquor with bugs in them (11:30p.m.)*. The ATC officer fined the Pinnacle and the NPD left.

Officer Yarnell pulled another car over for speeding but did not issue a ticket.

The hunt for DWI's intensifies as the hours tick away. As a threat to anyone who leaves their house, the NPD tries to get everyone of them off the streets.

Yarnell perched his car in the drive of the P.E. Majors building waiting for some of you to come home from the Body. We were quickly called away to cover a breaking and entering report (12:42a.m.).

Another officer picked up the suspect and took him to the station.

The highlight of the night was the fight at the shell on La. Hwy. 6 South. Four black females were fighting in the parking lot. Of course Yarnell put the rowdiest of the bunch in his car. As he threatened to mace her in the backseat if she did not quit resisting, I wondered if I should bail out of the car to avoid choking. Fortunately, she did not relish the thought of being sprayed either (3:30a.m.).

Finally, we dropped our guest off at the station to be processed and then made one more trip around Natchitoches. Luckily the streets were all quiet.

Officer Yarnell finished his shift with paper work as I dragged my weary body to bed.

A-shift works hard with other shifts on a rotating schedule of two days and two nights with three days off. Each shift is 12 hours long and runs from 6 to 6.

By the way: Just in case you are pulled over by Officer Yarnell, do not mention my name.

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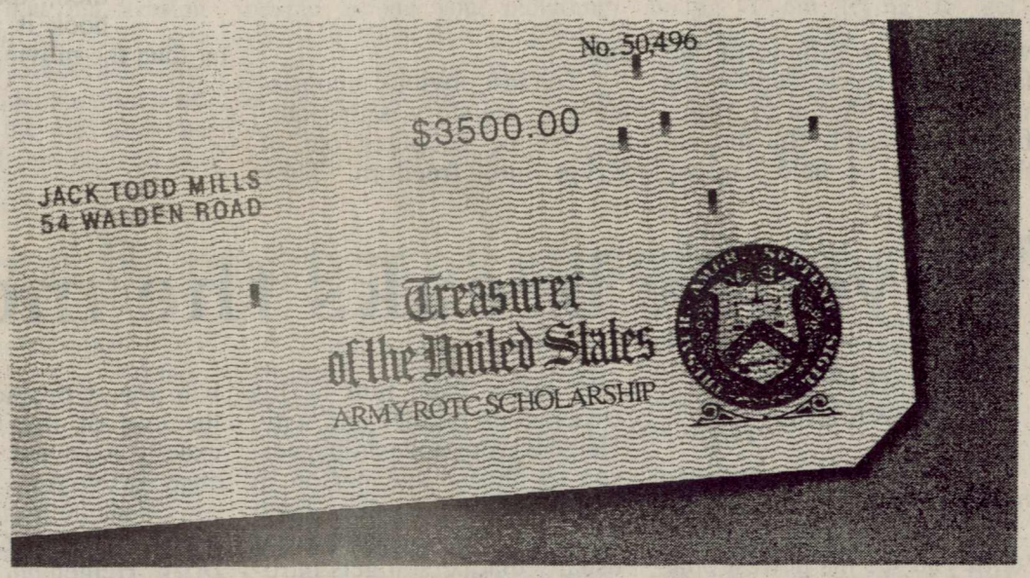

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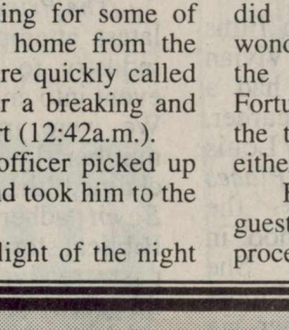

"I am going to bring her to a Mardi Gras parade and afterward take her out to dinner"

K.C. Sirmon
Freshman

"Every day is is like Valentine's Day for Nick and I. I am going to do something special, but I don't want to spoil it."

Christi Lupo
Sophomore

"I plan yo spend a lot of quality time with him, and if the weather permits, have a picnic."

Missy Dugal
Junior

"I plan to send flowers, a card, and , of course, a phone call."

Ira Revels
Senior

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Only sound heard in 66-63 win over SW Texas

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

On a play named "flood right," the Demons' Ryan Duplessis sunk any hopes of a Southwest Texas win and washed away any doubts about this team's abilities.

Duplessis scored 17 points, but the points that counted the most Tuesday night against the Southwest Texas Bobcats were the 3 points that he nailed with 0.7 seconds left in the game in a 66-65 win over SWT.

"I think everybody expected us to give (Allan) Polk the ball because of his shooting," said Amidd Sardinea after the game. "They pressured Polk which left Duplessis wide open."

The Bobcats, who were the preseason favorite to win the Southland conference title, fell to 13-7 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

The Demons, coming off another close win against Southeastern Louisiana, improve to 9-10 and 6-5 in the Southland Conference.

Sardinea contributed 13 points, shooting 5 for 9 from the field. Alann Polk also had a good night, scoring 11.

The Demons controlled the tempo throughout most of the game, turning a 31-24 halftime lead into a lead of as many as 10 points in the second half.

The Bobcats tied the game with 51 seconds left in the game when Donte' Mathis knocked down a layup to knot the score 63-all.

After the Demons missed a three-point opportunity, Mathis then drove down the court where he missed the shot that was tipped in by Jeff Foster which turned out to be the only lead the SWT Bobcats would have in the second half. Unfortunately, it turned out to be the only lead the Bobcats could muster in the entire game.

Mathis had a game high of 23 points.

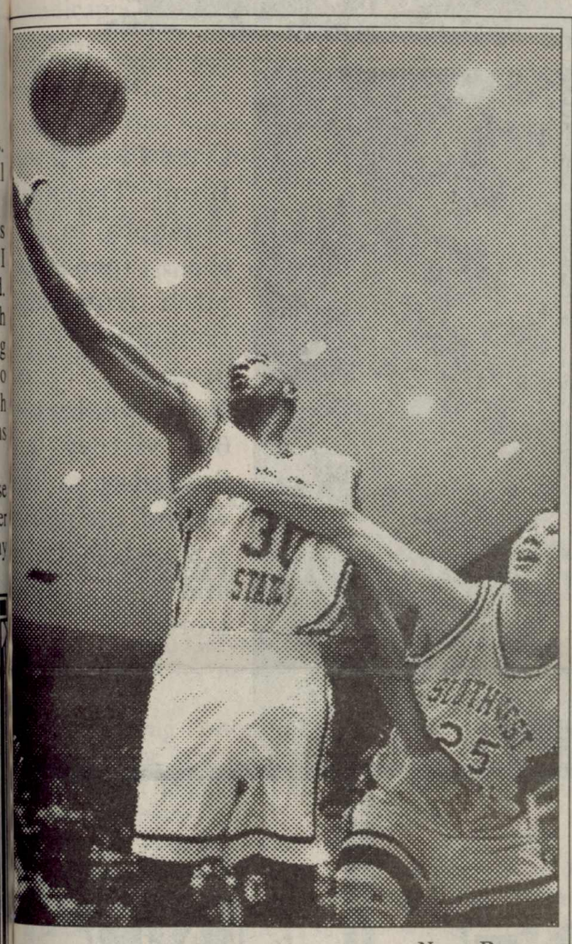
After a timeout, the Demons had to push the ball the full length of the court to get a shot off. Alann Polk took the ball down court, then made a halfcourt pass to a wide-open Duplesis on the perimeter.

The final seconds had ticked off the clock while the ball was still in the air. Then, right after th e buzzer sounded, the ball swished inside the hoop, sending the team and the crowd of 1,050 into a fever pitch.

When asked about the last-second miracle shot, Duplesis said "It hasn't set in yet that I hit the game-winning shot."

The win was the third straight last-second win at home for the Demons.

Will Burks hit the game-winner two weeks ago against Northeast, Allan Polk hit a jumper with 5 seconds left Monday against Southeast Louisiana and the three-pointer by Duplesis are the three last second winners this season.



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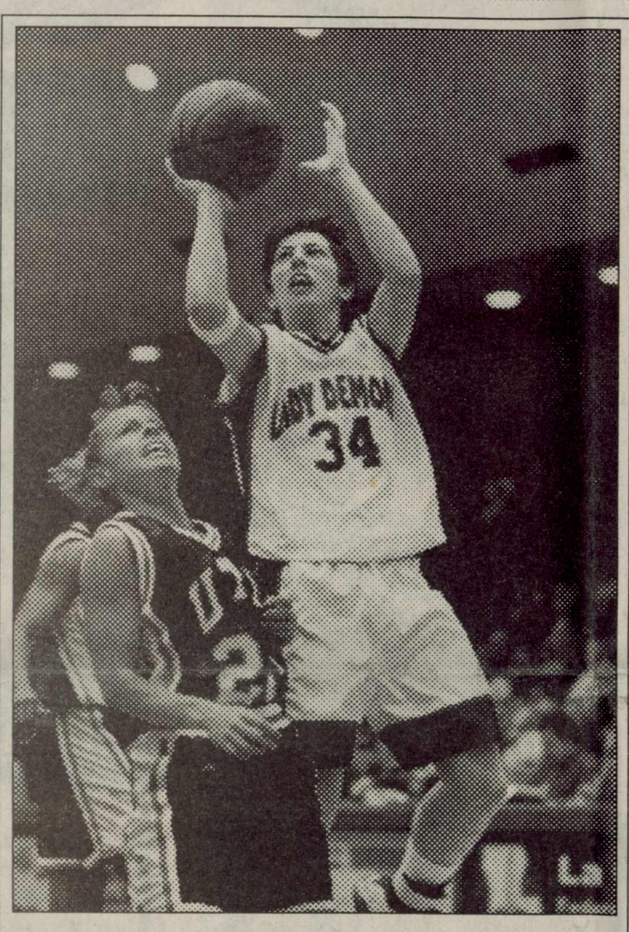
With a Southwest Texas player draped all over him, Kenton Fisher attempts to catch a rebound.



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Judy Clark pulls up for a jump shot helping the Lady Demons towards a 86-65 victory over UT-San Antonio.

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The Lady Demons are currently on a 13 game winning streak which breaks the old school record of 11 wins set in 1989.

Women break winning streak record

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons continue to blast their way through the Southland Conference, posting victories last week against Southeastern Louisiana (64-53), Southwest Texas State (72-45), and UT-San Antonio (86-65), and in the process, rewrote several records along the way, and extend their winning streak to an unprecedented 13 games.

The week began with NSU tying a school and SLC record for three point field goals, with 13 against SLU. The Lady Demons also tied a school record for consecutive victories that night, as the streak reached 11 in the 64-53 win in front of 1,130 fans at Prather Coliseum.

Judy Clark led NSU with 26 points while shooting 6 of 11 from three-point range. Sonya Bearden chipped in 15 points while shooting 5 of 12 from beyond the arc.

Kia Converse hit a pair of tres in scoring 12 points, and pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Lady Demons shot 34 percent as a team, but shot a blistering 40.6 percent from downtown.

"We got awfully hot coming out of halftime, and it compensated for a fairly lackluster effort on our part," said head coach James Smith. "Kia did a good job on the boards and gave us a lot of second-shot opportunities."

The Lady Demons then ran their streak to a school-record 12 games on Thursday night with the 72-45 thrashing of Southwest Texas in front of 1,100 fans at Prather Coliseum. In the process, NSU moved two games ahead of second place UT-Arlington in the conference standings, as UTA was upset on its home floor Thursday by McNeese.

NSU scored the game's first 10 points and never looked back. The Lady Demons led by as many as 30 points in the second half. NSU was paced by Kia Converse, who had 19 points, while Louise Chase added 12.

"Defensively we played well and that was the key," said Smith. "When we play good defense, everything flows well for us. We were more prepared to play offensively than we had been in the last few games and that was good to see."

On Saturday evening, the Lady Demons stretched their winning streak to 13 straight games, with the 86-65 victory over UT-San Antonio, in front of 874 fans at Prather Coliseum. The winning streak is the fourth longest in the nation, behind top ranked Tennessee (19), second ranked Purdue (18), and ninth ranked Duke (13).

NSU also made its mark by posting one of the top performances in NCAA history, by shooting 80 percent (8 for 10) as a team from beyond the three point line.

In addition, Judy Clark reached a milestone in her career, by scoring 21 and in the process, scoring her 1000th career point.

"I wasn't worried about it during the game, I was just worried about us winning," said Clark.

Kia Converse scored 19 points, shooting 4 for 4 from downtown, while Louise Chase scored 18 points, and Soya Bearden added 11.

The Lady Demons (17-3, 12-0 SLC) next travel to Huntsville, Texas to tangle with the Sam Houston State LadyKats.

NSU beat Sam Houston 66-63 earlier this year at Prather Coliseum. NSU's final home stand promises to be a thriller, with second place UT-Arlington and third-place Stephen F. Austin coming to town on Feb 18 and 20, respectively.

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	Rice	Houston, Texas	2/12/99	
Softball	LSU Tourney	Baton Rouge, La.	2/13/99	
		Baton Rouge, La.	2/14/99	
Mens' & Womens' Hoops	Sam Houston	Huntsville, Texas	2/9/99	5:30 p.m.
	Northeast La.	Monroe, LA	2/13/99	5:30 p.m.

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1,000 wins

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

After earning a record of 3-0 over the weekend, The Northwestern State Demon baseball team posted its 1,000 win as they slapped the Centenary Gents 13-3.

"1,000 wins is a great honor," head coach John Cohen said. "Most major baseball programs hav 1,000 wins. It's great to be a part of such a good traditon. I have to give a lot of credit to Wells, Van Horn, and others before me."

The Demons, 4-0 overall, take on LSU of Shreveport tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Despite scoring 13 runs, Northwestern State only had eight hits to Centenary's seven. Catcher Chris Phillips led the team form the plate with a 2-4 outing, bringing one player home and scoring two runs.

Leftfielder Brent Trosclair also had an impressive outing, going 1-3 at the plate, with two RBI's and scoring two runs.

"Hitting has not been up to par," Cohen continued.

Senior David Balcer (1-0) went the distance striking out six Gents and allowing four hits and no runs.

Gent Adam Hull (0-1) picked up the loss, walking four Demons. and allowing six runs and four hits.

The Demons opened the scoring in the bottom of the first when Trosclair and Ryan Anholt were walked.

Designated hitter Demathdian Tate reached on an error by Gent thrid baseman Mike Bogan and moved to second, pushing Trosclair home. A ground out by right fielder Josh Hoffpauir sent Anholt home and made it 2-0.

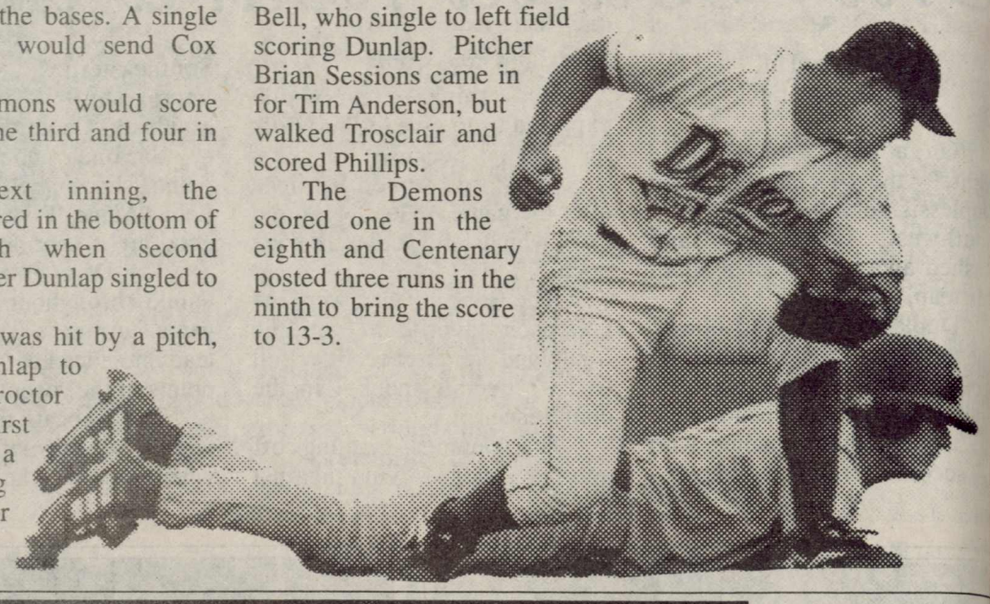
Northwestern State pushed its lead to 5-0 when Phillips nailed a single to second base. A ground out by first baseman Buddy Proctor sent Phillips to second and a single by center fielder Chris Cox would bring him around the bases. A single by Trosclair would send Cox home.

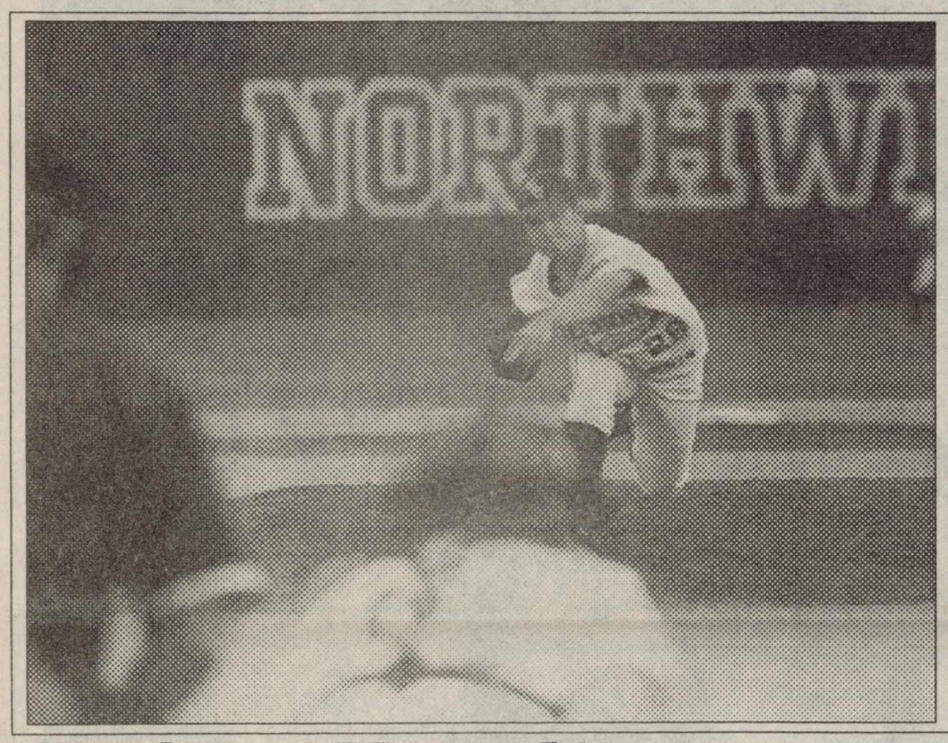
The Demons would score one run in the third and four in the fifth.

The next inning, the Demons scored in the bottom of the seventh when second baseman Tyler Dunlap singled to left field.

Phillips was hit by a pitch, moving Dunlap to second. Proctor strolled to first base on a walk, loading the bases for right fielder Steven Bell, who single to left field scoring Dunlap. Pitcher Brian Sessions came in for Tim Anderson, but walked Trosclair and scored Phillips.

The Demons scored one in the eighth and Centenary posted three runs in the ninth to bring the score to 13-3.





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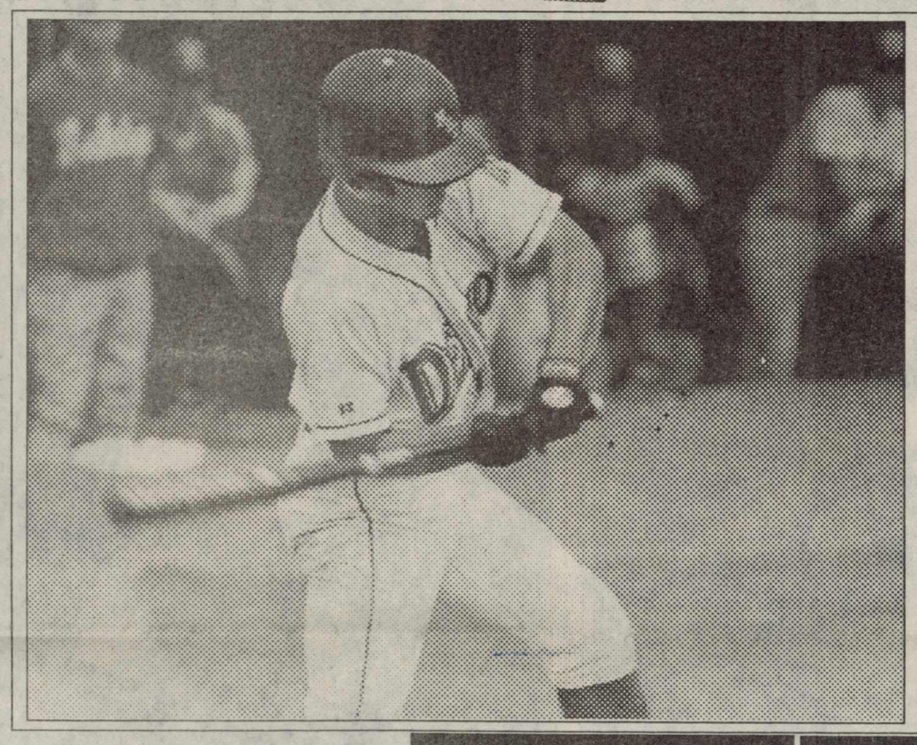
Matt Stovall (1-0) delivers a pitch towards the plate in the Demons home victory on Saturday. His pitching was instrumental in the Demons 6-2 victory over in-state rival Louisiana Tech.



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Outfielder Brent Trosclair attempts to hit the incoming pitch from the Louisiana Tech pitcher in Northwestern's 6-2 victory on Saturday. He wound up going 1-3 with 2 RBI and 2 runs scored.

Softball splits Twinbill with Miss. St.

Sports Ifnormation

Junior left hander Cindy leggett scattered seven hits and twirled a shoutout as Northwestern State won 1-0 in the first game of a season opening softball doubleheader Saturday against Mississippi State , but the buldogs earned a split by taking the second game 3-1.

The Demons pushed across the only run in the opener in the bottom of the seventh, but the Bulldogs used a two run sixth inning in the second game to spoil Northwestern's bid for a sweep.

Amber Welker singled with one out in the seventh and scored with two out on a passed ball to win the first game for Northwestern.

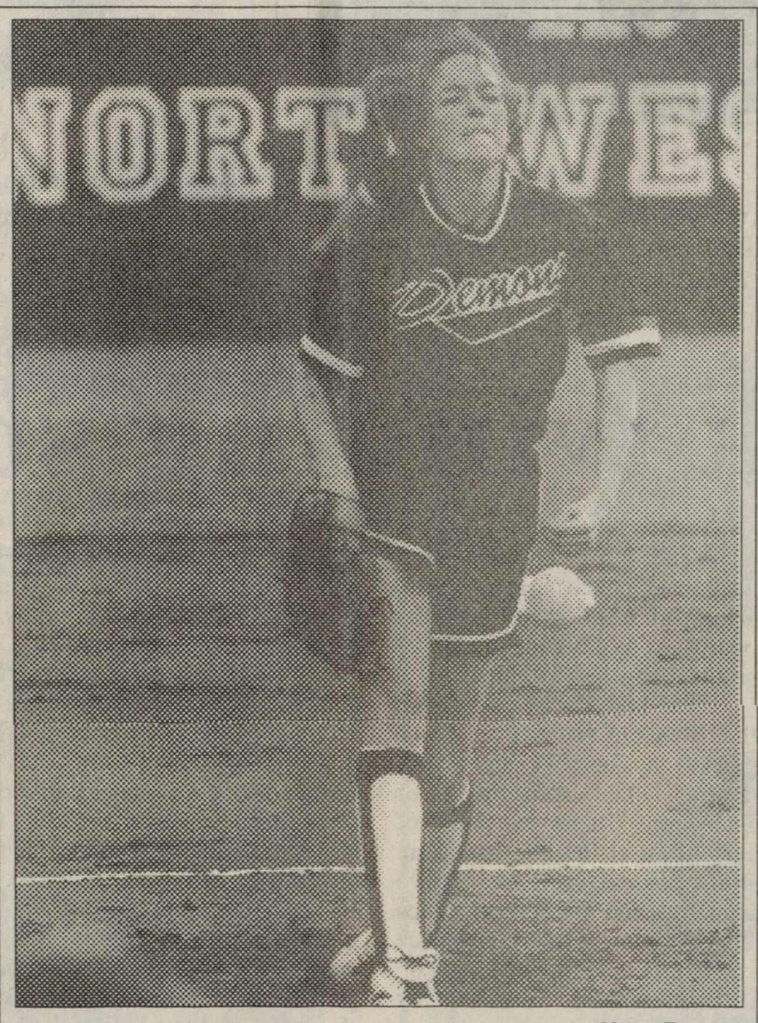
Welker, a junior, also had a double to account for two of the four hits off Mississippi state ace Autumn Anderson.

Anderson, who averaged better than a strikeout per inning in Southeastern Conference play last season, fanned only two Demons Saturday.

Brandy Kenney's RBI single in the fourth inning of the second game moved Northwestern ahead 1-0, but Mississippi State rallied in the sixth with a pair of doubles off Welker. Keri McCallum led off with a two-bagger and scored on a double by Kellie Wilkerson, who scored on a two-out single by Cheri Smith to break the tie.

The Bulldogs padded their lead in the seventh on an RBI single by Chris Busby after Wilkerson, pitching in relief, stranded a pair of Northwestern runners in the bottom of the sixth.

The twinbill, the 1999 debut of both teams, matched teams considered among the best in the NCAA South Region this season.



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Pitcher Cindy Leggett rockets another strike in her shutout against Mississippi State.

Student Athlete of the Week

Ryan Duplessis
Basketball

The freshman guard scored 17 points in the Demons 66-63 upset over Southwest Texas. Duplessis scopred the winning shot in the closing seconds of the game The Demons drop to 9-11 overall and 6-6 in the Southland Conference.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Baseball
LSU-S
February 9@3:30 p.m.

Student Athlete of the Week

Cindy Leggett
Softball

The junior pitcher from Alvin, Texas, pitched a shutout as the Demons beat Mississippi Satte 1-0 in a doubleheader with Mississippi State. Leggett scattered seven hits in a seven inning game. The Dmeons improved their record to 1-1 overall.

Upcoming Home Contests
Women's Basketball
SW Texas
February 4@5:30 p.m.

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Foreign exchange student experiences Mardi Gras.
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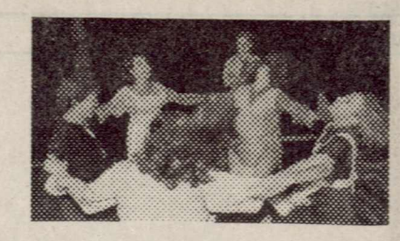

The theatre's latest production ***Lughnasa*** will begin Feb. 24.

Men's basketball team dukes it out for win over SFA.
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Fine increases enacted for handicapped spots

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Because drivers continue to disobey the parking rules for handicapped spots, the University's Committee for Traffic and Parking has allowed Campus Police to issue city tickets for parking in a handicapped space without a permit.

The city fine for the infraction is $50. The $25 university fine was not a strong enough deterrent to prevent illegal parking so the parking committee, chaired by Carl Henry, has asked the campus police to issue a city fine instead.

"We are not trying to raise parking fines," Henry said. "But, we have had so many request from handicapped students, we had to do something."

According to Henry, the problem is not just the spaces but the blue-striped areas next to them as well.

"When faculty, staff or students park in these areas they are making it impossible for handicapped students to get out of their vehicles," Henry said. "Blue is the color when it comes to handicapped spaces. If everyone will remember that, their won't be any problems."

If the new fine does not fix the problem, the next step will be to start towing. Henry said the committee does not want to go that far because of the cost, but they will not let the problem persist.

Since the fine is from the city, all fines can be paid downtown.

Enrollment figures see a slight increase

Donald Gervais
Staff Reporter

The Spring 1999 enrollment figures for the University shows a 16-student increase from the fall 1998 census.

As of Feb. 1, there are 8,299 students taking classes at the University according to the figures released by Lillie Frazier Bell, registrar of the University.

The male students' feelings of being outnumbered on campus are justified. Female students outnumber male students slightly more than two to one: female enrollment is 5,579; male enrollment is 2,720.

"This increase is a bit unusual but reflects the trend of the economics in the area," explained Dr. Dan Carr, Director of the Office of Institutional Research.

"As oil and gas prices increase, enrollment in Louisiana universities, other than Tulane and LSU, tend to stabilize or go down. The men go to the oil fields for the good paying jobs after high school. More women enroll in school during good economic times since they do not traditionally seek the oil field jobs."

The spring 1999 enrollment figure is 16 students more than the fall 1998 figure of 8,280. The spring 99 enrollment falls between the highest and lowest enrollment figures of the past 10 years.

Fall 1995 had the largest number of students on campus at 9,040. Spring 1993 semester was low for the 10-year period with 7,951 students.

Enrollment by home state reflects that Louisiana residents outnumber out of state residents by a large margin. Louisiana residents account for 9.3 of every 10 students on campus or 7,762 students. Texas residents number 274. Arkansas and Mississippi residents share equal representation with 21. Other states account for 171 students. The foreign exchange students on campus number 50.

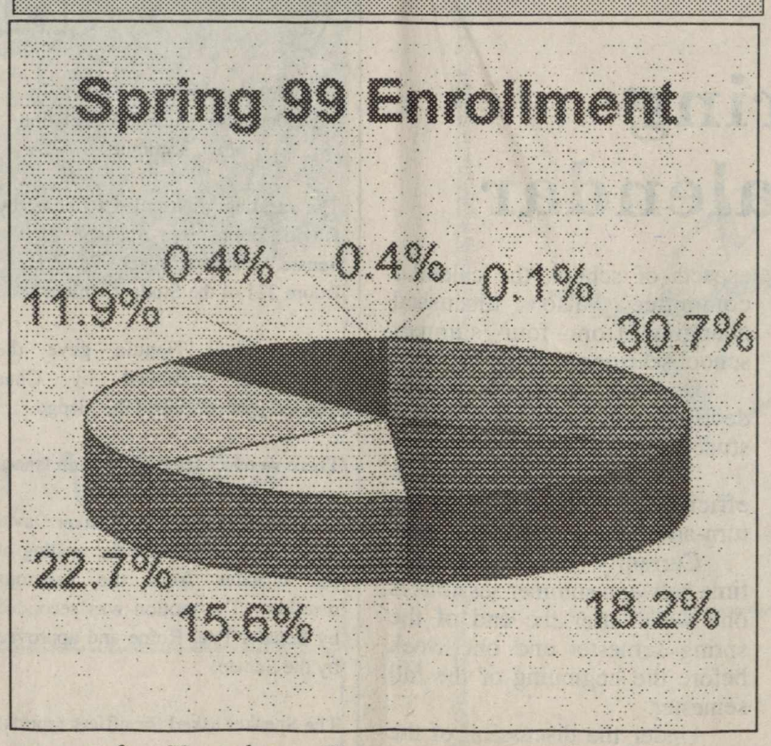
Freshmen/women make up the largest segment of the enrollment with 2,545. Seniors account for the next largest group with 1,888. Sophomores outnumber juniors 1,510 to 1,294.

Students in the Master programs number 991. Specialist programs have 35 enrolled. Preparatory students account for 30 students. The Doctorate programs, currently being phased out, account for six students.

SLC Conference Champs

Photo by Gary Hardamon

"We are the Champions"
The Lady Demons Basketball team clinched the Southland Conference regular season title Thursday against the University of Texas at Arlington. The Lady Demons will compete in the Century Tel Southland Conference Classic March 3-6 in Shreveport. To find out more, check out the story on page 10.



New technology for students with disabilities

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Eight new technology devices for students with disabilities are available on the University's campus and one more is on order.

These devices will help students with hearing and vision problems. There are three TTY/TTD devices. These devices are utilized by the hearing impaired when they use the telephone.

One device is located at the Office of Disability Services in room 237 of Kyser Hall. Another device will be housed at the Campus Police Station (because of 24 hour/ seven days a week accessibility). The final one will be located at the Leesville/Ft. Polk campus.

There are two FM Assistive Listening Devices. These devices provide amplification for people with mild hearing losses. These are very useful for a large auditorium-setting classroom. The student wears an ear piece while the instructor clips a microphone to his/her collar.

There are two Big Screen Magnifier devices for enlargement of computer monitors. One is located in the 2nd floor of Kyser Hall in the computer lab. The other is located on the Leesville campus in their computer lab.

Each of the University campuses has at least one 21 inch monitor or one of these Big Screen Magnifiers (for low vision priority). Also, ZoomText Software is available to help students with low vision. It is a low-vision software magnification product that is capable of enlarging objects from two times to sixteen times their normal size. This software integrates magnification, screen reading and scanning with OCR.

One final product that is on order right now is an ADA large screen Gateway Destination station. It will be in the Learning Lab of the General College in room 239 of Kyser Hall.

It has a cordless mouse and keyboard, a 27 inch monitor, a scanner, ZoomText Software and Dragon Naturally Speaking software (which is voice-activated trained software to type for the person).

To find out more information about these devices or if you need to use these, contact Steve Hicks at the Office of Disability Services in Kyser Hall at 357-6950.

New method of sending refund checks may please some students

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Financial Aid's new way of delivering refund checks may find students receiving their checks much sooner than expected.

"If you have a credit on the account, we are going to send the checks out, which is more timely for the students," Kenn Posey, associate director of financial aid, said.

The changes were made because Financial Aid realized most of the students were unhappy with the past system.

Because of bookstore vouchers, Financial Aid had to wait for a certain date before handing out refund checks.

In the past, it was time consuming for students to return the bookstore voucher and sign a refund list,and it was especially difficult for students who lived outside Natchitoches. Now, the office has streamlined the process by going down the list given to them by the Computer Center.

"I think it's more orderly this new way because we are getting the information from the Computer Center, instead of students who think they have a refund but actually have a balance," Posey said.

Students will not have to sign for checks in the office anymore. The Financial Aid Office's purpose is to keep students from making the trip to the office if they don't have to do so.

"It's saving students trips to the office and getting them their checks a lot faster," Posey commented.

So far, the students' responses to the new system have been favorable.

"I think it's helping a lot, because in the last few days, when students approach the counter and have questions concerning refunds, they seem real satisfied that this is the way we are doing it," Mary Odom, coordinator of client relations, said.

Students will get their refunds faster as long as their account has a credit balance. If students are on estimated financial aid, however, such as the T.O.P.S. program or federal grants, there still might be a delay.

The aid must be accepted into the account before it is given to the Cashier's Office to be sent to the students.

Financial Aid said they expect even those refunds to be sent out faster this semester and they are more prepared this time for such programs.

Area businesses awarded for service to the community

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Tourism is alive and booming in Natchitoches, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco told area business leaders Thursday.

Blanco shed an enthusiastic and positive light on Natchitoches during her keynote speech at the annual Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce banquet in the Student Union Ballroom.

"People know how to sell Natchitoches," Blanco told the audience, "You've got focus, and you know where you're going next. It's great to see the energy coming from this community."

Blanco said the entire state must learn to take advantage of the tourism dollar if they want to maintain a steady economy.

She said possible future plans for the state may include developing a Bass Trails Tournament and creating more family-oriented events.

The state is making widespread use of the tourism industry during FrancoFete, the yearlong celebration of the 300th anniversary of Louisiana's French heritage.

Several businesses were recognized Thursday for their contributions to the community.

D's Western Wear was named New Business of the Year and Fisher's Sports and Music received the Golden Plus Anniversary Award for its many years of service to area residents.

Dr. Ron McBride

Other award winners included: Small Business of the Year, one to five employees, Cane River Crafts; Small Business, five to 15 employees, Grand Rental Station; Small Business, 15 or more employees, Stage; Corporate Award, Wal-Mart Super Center and Tourism Business of the Year Award, Old Natchitoches Parish Magazine.

Greg Burke, athletic director for the University, was named as the Jaycees Outstanding Person Award winner for 1998 for his dedication and service to the community.

The event concluded with the introduction of the 1999 chamber president, Dr. Ron McBride, head of the Department of Journalism.

McBride, whose father, Elmer McBride was chamber president in 1971, told the audience he has many ideas to promote business in Natchitoches while in office.

"Natchitoches needs no help in promoting itself," he said.

Some of McBride's goals include increasing chamber membership to 500, offer more seminars, work more closely with the Natchitoches Parish School Board and promote business in east Natchitoches.

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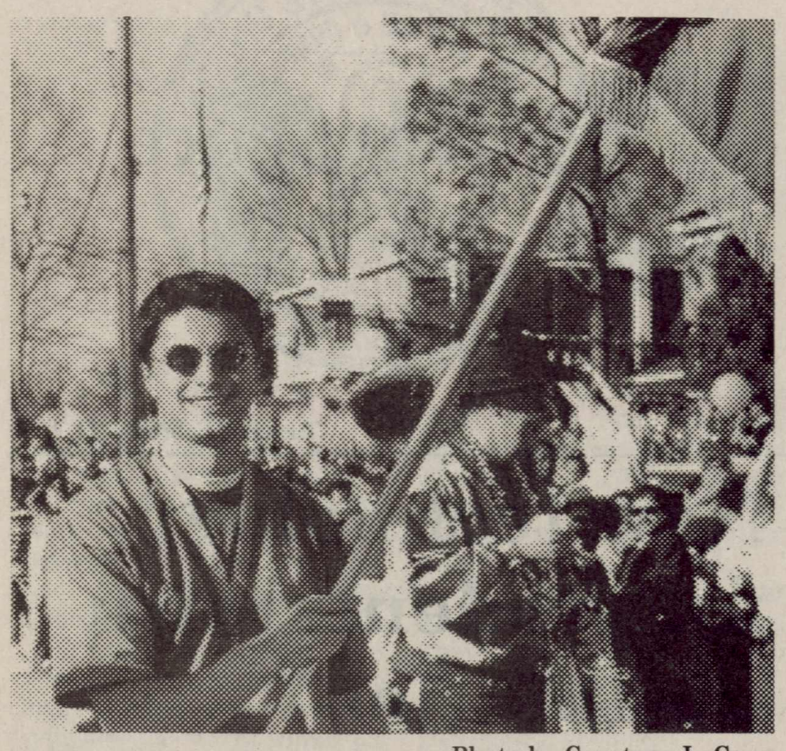

Photo by Courtney LaCour

Damien Saby, a foreign exchange student from France, was chosen to carry the French flag during the Alexandria Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 14.

French foreign exchange student gets a real-life taste of Mardi Gras

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Damien Saby, a 24 year old exchange student from France, experienced "A Taste of Mardi Gras" that he will never forget.

Saby was chosen by the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association board to represent his country by carrying the flag of France during Alexandria's Mardi Gras activities in celebration of the French influence in Louisiana.

He was able to attend several events related to FrancoFete '99, a celebration of Louisiana's French heritage. One event he attended was "A Taste of Mardi Gras."

At this dinner, Saby had his first taste of Louisiana's famous cajun cuisine.

"My favorite cajun food is crawfish etouffee because it wasn't as spicy as the other selections," Saby said. "I like crawfish a lot."

Saby also enjoyed his entire parade experience that began Saturday with the Children's Parade in downtown Alexandria and ended Sunday with the sixth annual Mardi Gras Parade.

"I was very nervous before the parades began because there was close to 100,000 people there," Saby said. "But it seemed that the more they cheered the less nervous I was and the more excited I became. It was a lot of fun."

During the Children's Parade, the Pineville High School band made Saby feel right at home by playing the French national anthem "La Marseillaise."

"We wanted to go all-out for FrancoFete," Michael Tudor, an Alexandria Mardi Gras Association board member said. "And we wanted to get a French national to participate in our events."

One of the planned Mardi Gras events was a dinner reservation at an Alexandria plantation Saturday evening.

Saby said this was his favorite "private moment."

At the plantation, he heard ghost stories about the history of the house and was served a cajun dinner for the second evening in a row.

"This weekend was good because I was able to taste a lot of cajun food," Saby said. "It's really spicy for me, but it was very good. I ate well in Alexandria."

According to Saby, everyone in Alexandria was courteous and hospitable and made Mardi Gras a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

"I can definitely do that again," Saby said. "I am proud of my land and am honored to represent it."

Campus Women's Club offering scholarships

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

The University's Campus Women's Club is offering two scholarships of $250 to female students.

The Campus Women's Club is an organization for female faculty and staff, established in the mid 1980s. The scholarships given are its major goal, and the money received from the members' dues go specifically to the scholarship fund and the organizations' operating cost.

The first scholarship will be awarded to a female student who will be a sophomore by Fall 1999. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, and must show need for the scholarship.

The second scholarship is for single mothers 25 and older. A 3.0 GPA or better is required, and the applicant must also show need.

Both scholarships require that the students attend the University on a full-time basis. Official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a letter stating why the applicant should receive the scholarship, and a completed application must be turned in by May 1. Scholarships will be awarded May 10.

The scholarships will be reviewed by a committee to determine the winners and assure fairness.

Single mothers may reapply; however, the other scholarship is given strictly to sophomores.

Applications can be obtained from the Office of Scholarships and NSU Alumni Center. Students with questions should contact Dr. Linda Roach at (318) 357-4549.

Students can mail letters and transcripts to the Campus Women's Club at, P.O. Box 3506, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

"We welcome everyone to apply," Dr. Linda Roach, president, said. "We feel this is an opportunity for Campus Women to support women students."

SAB presents Coffeehouse series

Crystal Swanner
Staff Reporter

This semester, the Student Activities Board is presenting a new program for students to attend on Thursday nights. The Coffeehouse series hopes to bring students together in a safe environment. It provides an alternative for students who do no want to go to the bars.

This week the SAB Coffeehouse will be held on Thursday at 8 p.m. at Vic's. The Coffeehouse will close at 9:30.

Wendy Colonna, singer and guitarist, will provide the music for the evening. She plays several kinds of music including alternative and acoustic.

A new aspect for students to enjoy at the Coffeehouse is poetry readings. Several poetry writers will read poems that they have written.

While enjoying free pastries and coffee, students can also check out artwork that is provided by the Student Art Society.

This week the Coffeehouse is to present a dramatic interpretation which will be presented by Andrea Conque.

Students are encouraged to come and support the Coffeehouse series. Free pastries and coffee will be served to students with a valid University ID. The Coffeehouse will be held every other Thursday at 8 p.m. except for April 8, due to a concert that SAB plans to hold that night.

Committee considering changes in school calendar

For the fall semester,, students will again notice changes in the school calendar for the 1999-2000 school year.

On Feb. 12, the Calendar Committee met to discuss possible changes to the calendar, including Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break and summer school sessions.

One topic for discussion by the calendar committee was whether students will again receive a fall break this October.

Though there was no decision made about whether students will or will not receive this break, SGA president Luke Dowden is in favor of the break.

"We need to make an environment that is conducive to learning," Dowden said. "Since there is such a long stretch between August and November, the fall break would give students an opportunity to take a breather."

Currently, the decision for fall break rests in the hands of University President Randall Webb.

Another topic for discussion, was the readdition of the two days taken by the fall break to the Thanksgiving week.

This past semester, students lost two days from their Thanksgiving vacation as a result of having a two day fall break in October. The Monday and Tuesday used for the fall break were then taken away from the Thanksgiving week.

As a result of the decision by the Calendar Committee, students will again have a full week off for Thanksgiving.

According to Dowden, the full week for Thanksgiving will be beneficial to those students who are attending Northwestern from another state and those with children out of school during the week.

In addition to the discussions on the vacation aspects of school, the calendar committee also discussed changing from four summer school sessions to three.

Dowden feels that this decision will better serve both students and administration.

"For something to function efficiently, there needs to be turn-around time," Dowden said.

Currently, the turn around time between summer sessions is one week after the end of the spring semester and one week before the beginning of the fall semester.

Under the discussion of the committee, there would be additional time added to the time after the end of the spring semester and time before the beginning of the fall semester.

Another meeting will be held March 17 to further discuss this proposal.

Students can expect another delay in TOPS

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Students can expect another delay in their award money from the state's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

Louisiana's TOPS is a comprehensive program of state scholarships.

The program started just this past fall. According to Kristine Walker, director of the Scholarship Office, more students applied than were expected.

To apply for TOPS awards, students submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In the fall, the Scholarship Office receives a master roster to build for TOPS.

This is the roster with all the students' names who can be in the TOPS program. When they get the master roster, they get one big check from the state and they post that check to the students.

During fee payment, the accumulative roster is there and the students who weren't certified for the fall and whose names aren't on the roster are given a waiver so they can still go through fee payment until the scholarship money comes in.

During the fall, the scholarship money was late because the scholarship office didn't receive the roster until October. Some students did not receive their award money until December.

This semester, the scholarships are late again. The state check from Baton Rouge has not been sent out yet.

"The reason why it's taking so long is different for every system," Walker said. "It could be missing core requirements or the FAFSA application could be wrong."

TOPS must get all the information for each particular student.

"Certification for the program is on a case by case basis. All the tuition is paid for. This is a great program for students," Walker said.

SENATE MINUTES

Northwestern State University
Student Government Association
Feb. 8 minutes

The meeting was called to order by David Gunn, the Speaker of the Senate, at approximately 7:02p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Union.

Senator Joni Naquin gave the invocation, followed by Chas Vandersypen who lead the pledge.

There were 19 senators in attendance.

A motion was made by Speaker David Gunn to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Paul Rome and approved by the Senate.

The Speaker asked for officer reports:

Treasurer: Lucas Shaw had no update on the undergraduate givens program. He reported that he just received a new printout of the budget and he would be reviewing it before the next meeting.

Vice President: Angelique Duhon reported that The Greek Council would be attending the next Breakfast with President Webb on Feb. 23. She asked for the names of those senators who will be eligible to serve on the election board. That is those members who are not running in this springs election. They are as follows: Rusty Broussard, Caron Chester, Rachel Leone and Paul Rome.

President Luke Dowden reported:

* The SGA needs to decide on the T-shirt design for Freshmen Connection.
* Please approve some rules for the scantrons, many people have come by the office.
* Two new bills will be introduced tonight SP99-002 and SP99-003
* Dr. Webb signed SP99-001 last week.
* Please Review the COSGA List that is going around and take your name off it if you not plan to attend.
* Representative Jefferson has agreed to participated in our "Good Government Series", most likely he will speak on Feb. 22 around 9:30 a.m. I would like the SGA to co-host a reception for him.

I need two volunteers to assist with this: Joni Naquin and Rachael Leone.

* I want to remind the pertinent senators to check with the Student Art Society.
* I attended the Fee oversight committee last week and I am investigating the possibility of holding a Recall Referendum for the $5.00 Recreation Complex Fee that according to the Committee has outlived its use.
* Also, I would like to speak with a senator who participates in Academic Affairs about drafting a resolution in support of an initiative that I am working on concerning the career & Counseling Center.
* I received all the Organizational Grant Applications and need to turn them over to the Committee so they can be discussed and decided on.
* The Award's Breakfast that we were hosting on Feb. 10 has been canceled.
* I would like your input on stickers that we could purchase to place on all equipment purchased with the Student Technology Fees to give students recognition for the labs, etc.
* The Council of Student Body Presidents adopted their legislative Plan this weekend that I have included in this plan. I would like to work with 3 senators on implementing activities and programs in anticipation of the "Campus Communities united for higher Education Week" from March 8-12: Matt Comeaux, Jamie Hughes,&_____.

The Speaker asked for committee reports:

Academic Affairs: Meet after the meeting.

Club Sports: No Report

External Affairs: Radio Show on Tuesday 1-3 p.m. Turn in senator profiles. Working on getting Shreveport Senator amended from constitution **Fiscal Affairs:** Focus of the committee will be on Distinguished Lecture Series.

Internal Affairs: Next meeting will be after Mardi Gras.

SAB: Concert in ballroom @8:00p.m. Spring Fling will be the first three weeks of April. Coffee House series continues on Thursday.

Fee Oversight: Emphasis will be on Recreation Fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reatha Cox, the director of New Student Activities spoke on Freshmen Connection T-shirt Advisor Skeeter Henry commented in favor of the design Senator Matt Comeaux made a motion to reconsider approval of the design. Senator Hornsby seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote of 15 in favor; five senators opposed, Shawn Hornsby, Rusty Broussard, Greg Gelpi, Joni Naquin, and Andrew Davies and zero abstentions.

Rules for distributing the scantrons were established:

* The scantrons are to be passed out on Monday, Feb. 22 in front of Vic's.
* Each student will be allowed a maximum of two scantrons.
* The names of the students will be checked with an official roster

NEW BUSINESS:

The Speaker asked for nominations for a new Club Sports Chairman. Niko Tesvich was elected by acclimation.

Bill SP 99-002 was introduced regarding safety and security lights between Kyser Hall and Iberville Dining Hall.

Bill SP 99-003 was introduced regarding a Student Life Committee which would include the Vice President for Student Affairs, The Director of Student Activities, The Director of the Contracted Dining Service, The Director of Auxiliary Services, The Manager of the University Bookstore, The Director of Housing, The Director of Student Service, The Director of Financial Aid, as well as the SGA President, the SAB President and one student representative for each of the seven colleges appointed by the SGA President and approved by the Student Senate. Total membership equals seventeen.

The Speaker until the next SGA meeting tabled both bills.

SPECIAL REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Mr. Henry thanked the members of the Traffic and Appeals Committee.
* Reminder that Traffic and Safety is at 2:00p.m. on Tuesday
* Matt Comeaux announced that the Grant Committee would be meeting after SGA meeting to vote on Organizational Grants.

Speaker adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

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Briefs

Mystery witness contacts Al Fayed

PARIS (From Wire Reports) -- A person claiming to be a passenger in the mystery car that brushed Princess Diana's Mercedes the night of her death has contacted a lawyer for Mohamed Al Fayed, a lawyer said.

The lawyer, Bernard Dartevelle, said the person was not identified but appeared to be "more trustworthy" than others who have made such claims.

Al Fayed, the father of Diana's companion Dodi Fayed, who also died in the crash, has offered a $1.65 million reward to help find the driver of the Fiat.

Tests have confirmed that the Mercedes carrying Diana and Fayed, did have a brush with a Fiat Uno before crashing in a Paris tunnel on Aug. 31, 1997.

Police have questioned almost 3,000 owners of Fiat Unos, with no luck. The mystery passenger told Dartevelle they were in a white Citroen AX, not an Uno.

Film critic dies

CHICAGO (From Wire Reports) -- Film critic Gene Siskel, known for the movie reviews he shared with Roger Ebert, died Saturday at the age of 53.

Siskel had surgery in May to remove a growth from his brain,, but he returned to "Siskel and Ebert" soon afterward.

He announced earlier this month he was taking time off from the show to recuperate from the surgery.

He wrote movie reviews for the Chicago Tribune and also did reviews for "CBS This Morning" and WBBM-TV in Chicago.

Siskel died at Evanston Hospital near Chicago, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene and their three children.

Polls back first lady in senate race

WASHINGTON (From Wire Reports) -- Hillary Rodham Clinton is the choice over New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in a hypothetical New York state election for the U.S. Senate.

In a Time/CNN poll of registered voters in New York state, 52 percent said they would vote for Clinton and 43 percent said they would vote for Giuliani if the elections were now. Newsweek Magazine found in a national poll that 41 percent of respondents said Clinton would be very effective if elected to the Senate.

Bar changes made in Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA -- The Alexandria City Council recently voted to prohibit individuals under 21 in establishments that sell alcohol. Class A establishments will be required to post a sign outside stating that it is illegal for anyone under 21 to enter the premises.

In accordance with Louisiana state law, the city also approved making anyone under 21 criminally responsible for purchasing or possessing alcohol.

In another alcohol-related ordinance, the council voted unanimously to extend operating hours for bars and clubs but disapproved allowing them to open on Sundays.

The council decided to extend operating hours from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily for all Class A, B and R license holders.

University offers novel writing workshop

The University's Office of Continuing Education is offering classes that could help authors create and sell a novel.

The classes will be offered Feb. 27-28 and taught by editor Michael Garrett.

The first workshop, "Writing a Novel that Sells," will be presented Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 213 of Russell Hall. There will be a $65 fee for the course.

Garrett will instruct participants on how to write a novel that publishers want. He maintains that many authors write well enough to sell a novel but are not meeting a publisher's needs.

He will teach another course, "Short Story and Novel Critique," on Feb. 27 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in room 213 of Russell Hall. The fee for the course is $40.

He will evaluate manuscripts, explain why rejections were likely and teach how the problem can be corrected.

On Feb. 28, Garrett will teach "Creating a Novel from Scratch" from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 213 of Russell Hall. The workshop will provide ideas for producing a marketable novel. The fee for the class is $65.

For more information on the classes or to sign up, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 357-5682 or 1-800-376-2422.

Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Next weeks meeting will be moved to 7:00 pm Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:30 p.m.. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Financial Aid Workshop: The Financial Aid Office will hold an informational workshop Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom to answer any questions regarding financial aid including how to fill out renewal forms. All students are invited to attend.

Summer Job Fair: The Office of Career Services and Counseling will be holding a summer job fair Mon., March 1 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union lobby. For more information, stop by the office in room 305 of the Student Union or call 357-5621.

Delta Sigma Theta: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Iota Mu Chapter will hold a Distinguished Gents Pageant on March 7 at 8 p.m. The pageant is open to male students that meet the following requirements: must be a male full-time student, must have a 2.0 GPA and must pay a $10 entry fee or sell $10 in raffle tickets. Cash and prizes will be awarded. The application deadline is March 1. An interest meeting will be held on Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cane River Room. For more information, call Gaynelle Stewart at 357-4235 or Natashe McPhearson at 352-3442.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

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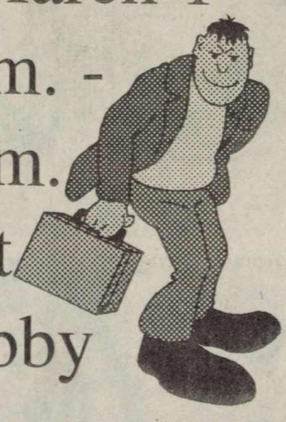

For more information on these and other exciting career opportunities contact:

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Albertson's set to open this week

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

The day many residents have long anticipated will finally arrive Wednesday.

Albertson's will officially open its doors to the public in its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Chester Duhon, store director, said the 24-hour grocery store will be filled with conveniences for customers.

Included in the store will be a coffee bar, sit-down deli, full-size meat department, bakery, produce department, butcher block and complete liquor department.

Duhon said the deli will have a meal center where customers will be provided with "quick fixing ideas" such as pre-prepared meals.

Other services included in the 55,000 square foot building are a pharmacy, movie rental center and a station for dropping off film.

An Express, an Albertson's-owned convenience store, will also open Wednesday. Duhon said the convenience store, located in the parking lot of Albertson's, will include gas and alcohol.

Duhon estimated that between 150-200 jobs were created with the store's opening, many of which have been filled by college students.

"We try to give everybody a chance," he said.

Duhon expects to see a large amount of business, due greatly to the store's location on La. Hwy. 6 across from the University.

"People are just so excited," he said of the opening. "We're anticipating a great grand opening."

Both Natchitoches residents and students at the University look forward to the convenience Albertson's will offer.

Kris Collinsworth, senior journalism major, said the opening of a grocery store on the west side of Natchitoches means no longer having to fight heavy traffic on Keyser Avenue, which is currently under construction.

"I'm tickled to death," Collinsworth said. "It's very convenient. I don't have to fight heavy traffic or cross one of the bridges to get groceries -- it's very convenient to students."

Dancing at Lughnasa

Cast members for the theater program's production of *Dancing at Lughnasa* rehearse for their upcoming performances, which will be held Feb. 24- March 2 in Theatre West. For ticket information, call 357-6891.

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Give me a break...please

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

I am one of a dying breed of students who actually expects to leave a class having learned something. Perhaps, it's because my many years spent here at NSU have given me a reason to appreciate a good education.

Therefore, I become extremely agitated when the University, whose motto is "Where the Students Come First," sticks an unqualified person in front of a class full of eager students.

Throughout my past three years at NSU, I have had several of these professors overseeing a class. I refuse to use the word "teach" in the same sentence as one of these people because teaching is not even approached in the class. Instead, most of the classes seem like recess time in junior high where the hottest topic is whether or not Suzy Q cheated on her boyfriend. Give me a break.

I am not so naive to believe that all of the world's greatest professors are just dying to teach at NSU, but, is it so difficult to do a little searching and find a partially qualified professor? I might be able to accept an unsuitable person teaching a freshmen level course.

I think I could probably teach some of those classes. But, teaching a 4000 level graduate class? Hey, why don't we just get a guy off of the street and pay him a few bucks to stand in front of senior students and ramble excessively. Wouldn't the result be the same?

I believe that the powers that be should consider forking over a few more dollars and find us some people that have some credentials.

I'm not asking for doctorates, Nobel Prize winners, or even degrees in education. What I am asking for is someone with a little common sense or some experience in the field. At this point in my college career, I'm not picky.

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

Computer glitches! It seems that no one, not even the most competent of experts, can find a cure-all for them. We as students of the first true "dignified" generation have grown to accept them.

We shrug our shoulders at Y2K, and laugh in the face of all who do not save important documents to disk every five minutes.

As an experienced member of generation.com, I tend to pride myself that I have been through most curveballs the PC could possibly throw me. However, recently I have been presented with a new pollution.

I will attempt to remain calm as I type this, but if anyone who has anything to do with the computer going-ons on campus is reading this article please hear my cry and understand that I speak on behalf of all graduating seniors: ENOUGH WITH THE COMPUTER GLITCHES, LET ME GRADUATE!

I am not the average "I have no idea what I am going to do after graduation" students. I am interviewing with large corporations in the Atlanta, GA area and am preparing for the rest of my life. Anyone who has been through this graduation bru-ha-ha (and judging by the lack of sense of urgency on the part of the powers that be...they have not!) understands that this is not an easy time.

I have a total of about 3 months to put into action what I have been planning for four years.

Being told that you are not eligible to graduate when you might be the most eligible person on campus does not help matters. I am not alone in this, I have seen many a student (and faculty) shed tears over this.

If the students do in fact come first at this University, then perhaps we should focus some attention on this issue...just a suggestion.

Columnist calls us to higher standard

Shawntell Lewis
Sauce Columnist

While reading a passage from "After the Tassel is Moved," I read a story about a man named Saint Phillip Neri, whose ability to teach law was known far and wide. Eager young students would travel great distances to receive his instruction. He had an entrance exam he gave each new student.

"Why did you come?" He would begin.

"To study law," was the standard reply.

"What will you do when you have studied law?" He asked.

"I will set up a practice, get married, and have a family," was the usually answer.

"Then what?"

"I will enjoy my home and my work."

"Then what?"

"Then I will grow older and eventually die."

"And after death what then?"

And so I ask you, what then?

This is what I want to talk about today. The "what then?". After you've achieved greatness in your career, and you've married the love of your life, driven the finest car, lived in the most luxurious home, and you've experienced everything that this world has to offer, what then?

In the Word of God, Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Will you be ready to meet your Maker? My purpose for writing is to encourage you to live a life pleasing to God and raise the standard of your life. Now, the standard. What is the standard?

When I say the standard, I mean God's standard. Doing, saying, living, loving, and sharing the way he once did while walking the face of this earth.

The majority of people honestly believe that they can drink on a regular basis, lie intentionally, engage in premarital sex, attend parties, use profanity, and still go back with Jesus when he comes because they went to church on Sunday morning. No! No! I Corinthians 6:9-10 reads, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?

Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor covetous, nor drunkards, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

We were created in His image, so that He may get the glory out of our lives. To most of us, our image is very important.

We were created to be like God himself. We should represent the love of Christ at all times and live holy in His sight. But what about the love of God? His love. His unconditional love. He loves you! This is the kind of love that our human intellect can never comprehend.

The Father loved you and I so much that he gave His only son, so that we could have victory over our sins, negative attitudes, our sickness, depression, and a right to be a Child of God. Regardless of our shortcomings, our insecurities, our hidden thoughts and secrets, God moves the facade of who we are and makes up in His mind to love us in spite of everything we may have done. He cares for us and is waiting patiently to come into your life and give you a new song in your spirit, a new sense of faith, and a new sense of hope. I dare you to try Him.

Revelations 2:10 says, "Be ye faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life."

Fall on your knees, ask God to cleanse you of all unrighteousness, open up your heart, and let him come in and live inside of you.

We should build our lives as if all we need to make it to the next level is Him and nothing else. His standards are tight but they are right. It's either holiness or hell.

I encourage you to be like the Apostle Paul when he said, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come shall be able to separate me from the love of God."

Raise the standard in your life and live for Christ.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Here is a new number for you: 1,372.

No, it is not a famous year you have to remember in history class. It is not a statistic that you have to memorize. It is the amount of fans that were at Saturday's women's basketball game against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

Last year, both basketball teams went to the CenturyTel/Southland Conference Classic, with the men in the second place seed and the women in the fourth place seed.

This year the Lady Demons go into the Tournament as the No. 1 seed and could possibly head to the NCAA Final Four Tournament.

During the football season, attendance hit an all time high. The Northwestern State Demons reached the semi-finals but slipped up against UMass in a 41-31 loss with half of NSU and Natchitoches cheering them on.

The only way to know how good a team is, is to go out and watch a team play. Go out and support your NSU Demons.

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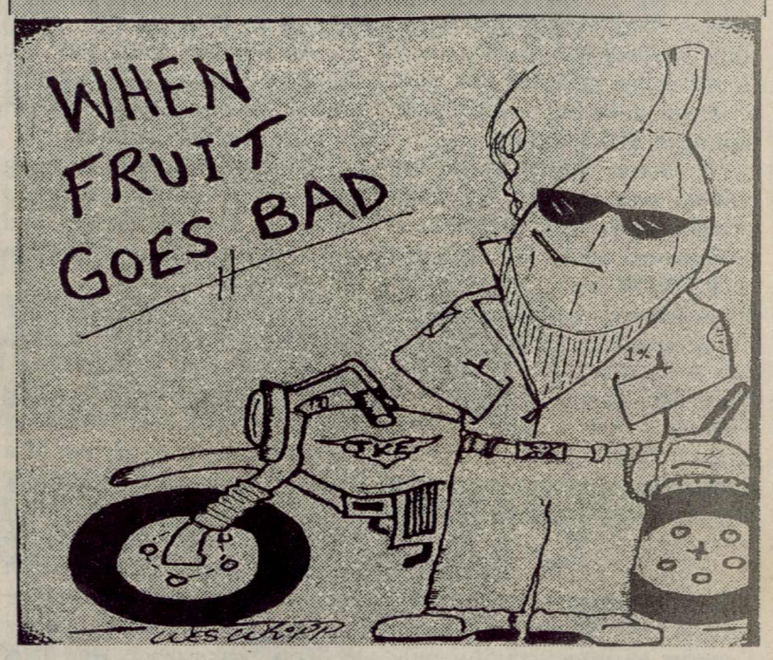

Awaken from your slumber

Ben Williams
Guest Columnist

It is pretty widely agreed that the President had a squalid affair with a young intern. The Bible proscribes a penalty for the President's actions: death. Hmm. That was one course of action that Ken Star and the House of Representatives failed to consider! We live in a culture of hypocrisy, and the impeachment controversy is a wonderful chance to highlight this.

We all lie. The worst part is that most of us lie to ourselves. The population of the United States is overwhelmingly Christian. Ask people on the street if they believe God created the world in seven days, and a recent poll shows that about 80 percent of them will say yes. However, most of us have engaged in pre-marital sexual activity of some sort. As if that wasn't bad enough, a report by Kensey shows ten percent of the men in this country engage in homosexual contact at least once in normal development. All this is in spite of the fact that the Bible expressly condemns and harshly punishes engaging in such activities. With the exception of a few whacked-out weirdos however, Americans are not calling for mass executions of homosexuals and philanderers.

In the final analysis, most of us adopt a live and let live attitude. The reason is simple. While we like the sense of tradition and historical significance the Bible gives us, most of us have never read it, and wouldn't believe it if we did. Many of us cling to our religion because it doesn't change. The world is a frightening place. Job layoffs and blind dates, what's a guy to do? I'm not sure what the answer is. It's dishonest to say most of us believe everything that's in the Bible. Man, there are some weird things written in that crazy book. However, it is scary to think that we are here alone on this earth, with no idea why we even exist. Grow up. In this world honesty is about all you truly have to cling to. Be bolder than Descartes was. Reject all that your senses cannot confirm to be true. Leave no question unasked, and begin the most courageous journey of all: self-awareness.

Write to the Editor and become a hated man on campus.

Letter to the Editor

Phi Mu responds to LOB column

In response to the article concerning lack of audience etiquette at the LOB pageant, the Executive Board of Phi Mu Fraternity would like to express their disapproval of the assumption that the sororities were being disrespectful to contestants not in their sorority. LOB is one of the most anticipated pageant (sic) of the year. Sororities are not the only people who attend the pageant. People from all over the state along with family, friends, and fellow NSU students come to cheer on the contestants.

In a sense pageants are much like the Super Bowl. A loud, noisy crowd gathers together to cheer for their favorite team and in regards to pageants, their favorite contestant or contestants. Like a competitive team, pageant contestants love to hear the enthusiasms (sic) from the audience. It must be terribly scary to get on stage in front of hundreds of people in a swimsuit or to sing or dance. What a relief it must be to know your sorority sisters are out there cheering for you. As for the stampeding, everyone in the audience was so excited for the winner and all the contestants they were eager to congratulate them all, not just our sisters but our friends.

"As pageant contestants, we understand the criticism that goes along with pageant competition. A woman must understand what she is in store for before she commits to the competition. She must understand that she puts herself up for ridicule anytime she steps foot on a stage whether it is from the judges or the audience," says Rebecca Dauzat, Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet 1998 and Casey Crowder second runner-up to Miss Louisiana 1998.

This may be a moment to call attention to the fact that Greek life here at NSU is very diverse. Greeks are not just affiliated with their particular letters. We all interact with people in other Greek organizations and people who are not in the Greek system.

There is no way to know if it was sorority sisters being disrespectful at the pageant. No one had on their Greek letters. For anyone being disrespectful, we would like to take this opportunity to apologize. All the ladies in the pageant did an awesome job.

Phi Mu Executive Board

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Oscar nominations full of surprises

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

The nominations for the 71st annual Academy Awards were announced last week and as predictable as some of the nominees were there was also an equal amount of surprises.

The biggest surprise came from Best Picture nominee *Shakespeare in Love* which snared 13 nominations, just one short of the all-time record held by *Titanic* and *All About Eve*. *Shakespeare* is a romantic comedy about a woman that inspires a young William Shakespeare to write *Romeo and Juliet*. Rounding out the Best Picture category is the Italian Holocaust film *Life is Beautiful*, the visionary World War II epic *The Thin Red Line*, the story of one of England's greatest rulers *Elizabeth*, and that other World War II film *Saving Private Ryan*.

The other surprises didn't come from nominations that were given but rather from nominations that were not given. The biggest one of these surprises has got to be the absence of Jim Carrey for his work on *The Truman Show*.

While the film's director, Peter Weir, received a nomination as well as Ed Harris in a supporting role neither Carrey nor the picture itself will have the opportunity to walk away with the gold come Oscar night. The lack of the nomination is quite surprising, especially after Carrey won the Golden Globe for the role.

Other snubs included: Bill Murray in *Rushmore*, Lisa Kudrow for *The Opposite of Sex*, and the *Saving Private Ryan* supporting group - Tom Sizemore, Edward Burns, Jeremy Davies, et. al., who apparently canceled each other out.

The rest of the major categories and nominees include Roberto Benigni (*Life is Beautiful*), Tom Hanks (*Saving Private Ryan*), Ian McKellen (*Gods and Monsters*), Nick Nolte (*Affliction*) and Edward Norton (*American History X*) all vying for the Best Actor Oscar.

courtesy ew magazine

Geoffrey Rush hopes to add another Oscar to his collection for his role in *Shakespeare in Love*.

In the Best Actress category, it will be Cate Blanchett (*Elizabeth*), Fernanda Montenegro (*Central Station*), Gwenyth Paltrow (*Shakespeare in Love*), Meryl Streep (*One True Thing*) and Emily Watson (*Hillary and Jackie*).

Best Supporting Actress will pit Kathy Bates (*Primary Colors*), Brenda Blethyn (*Little Voice*), Judi Dench (*Shakespeare in Love*), Rachel Griffiths (*Hillary and Jackie*) and Lynn Redgrave (*Gods and Monsters*) against each other.

And in perhaps the strongest category, Best Supporting Actor, it will be past Oscar winners Robert Duvall (*A Civil Action*), Geoffrey Rush (*Shakespeare in Love*) and Billy Bob Thornton (*A Simple Plan*) along with the always powerful Ed Harris (*The Truman Show*) and first time nominee James Coburn (*Affliction*).

The theme for this years show is going to be the century of cinema. This will be the last Oscar show for the twentieth century and the members of the academy felt that something had to be done to show how much the face of motion pictures have changed.

Billy Crystal, seven - time host, will step down this year as host and hand the reigns over to long time friend Whoopi Goldberg.

The 71st annual Academy Awards will air on a Sunday this year, March 21, from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, CA.

NSU Theatre to show Brian Friels' *Dancing at Lughnasa* Feb 24 - Mar. 2 in Theatre West. For ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

Better Than Ezra gives a *Deluxe* performance

Raechal Leone
Staff Reporter

Deluxe, the tile of Better Than Ezra's 1995 debut album, best summed up the group's performance at the grand opening of Legends in Monroe on Feb. 10.

The New Orleans trio rocked the eager audience for nearly two hours, belting out songs from all three of their own albums and throwing in covers of L.L. Cool J, Chumbawumba and even the Artist Formerly Known as Prince.

Good, undoubtedly BTE's best known single, opened the show, followed by the dance tune *I Like it Like That* from the groups latest CD, *How Does Your Garden Grow?*

Soon after was *One More Murder*, which appeared on *The X-Files* movie soundtrack, a rock version of L.L. Cool J's *Doin It*, and *In the Blood*.

Lead singer Kevin Griffin couldn't seem to stop dancing and jumping around, but the audience didn't seem to mind one bit. They screamed and sang along to all their BTE favorites and held up lighters, as Griffin asked, during *This Time of Year.*

Griffin, bassist Tom Drummond and drummer Travis Aaron McNabb seemed to be having as much, if not more, fun than the audience and seemed to play each song a little louder and harder than they had the one before.

The group said they were thankful to be playing back in Louisiana and more than proved it to the audience during their performance of *King of New Orleans,* from their 1996 *Friction, Baby* album. It was one of the best performances of the night, second only to *Rosealia*, in which the guys showed off some of their best dance moves.

It was a sad moment when Griffin told the crowd good-bye and the group left the stage, but BTE was not gone for long. Griffin quickly returned on keyboard playing a slow version of the Purple One's *1999,* before the entire band exploded back onto the stage with *Desperately Wanting*.

Fans threw their arms in the air at Griffin's request and jumped until they couldn't anymore. When the song was finished and there were no traces of BTE left, the crowd began to move toward the bar very slowly. Too slowly, actually, it was as if no one wanted the night to end; I know I didn't.

She's not allowed to play with the boys

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

"Lolita, light of my life, fire of my loins. My sin, my soul. Lo-lee-ta."

The opening lines of Vladimir Nabokov's masterpiece, *Lolita*, instantaneously seduce the reader. Desperation, comedy, tragedy, perversion harmoniously mingle within these sentences and indeed, throughout the entire novel.

courtesy *Film Buff* magazine

(Top) Sue Lyon and James Mason in the 1962 Lolita. (Bottom) Jeremy Irons and Dominique Swain in the modern day remake.

Published in 1955, Nabokov insisted that he wrote the book merely for the sake of writing a book, but he did more than that. He touched a nerve in very comfortable, very conservative 1950's America.

The novel is established as the memoir of incarcerated pedophile/murderer, Humbert Humbert. He traces his pedophilia back to an incident in his childhood, the death of Annabel, his only love.

With little girls Humbert experiences a faint reincarnation of Annabel and the intensity of his desire for her. Humbert moves from Europe to America where the plot of the novel is introduced. He then becomes a tenant in the Haze household, consisting of the lonely widow, Charlotte, and her twelve-year-old daughter, the mischievous Dolores (Lolita). At first sight the vivacious, bubble gum popping, "daemonic" Lolita, becomes the object of Humbert's insatiable affections.

"She was Lo, plain Lo, in the morning, standing four feet ten in one sock. She was Lola in slacks. She was Dolly at school. She was Dolores on the dotted line. But in my arms she was always Lolita."

After quite immodest persuasion Charlotte managed to convince Humbert to marry her (the thought of being Lolita's stepfather too tantalizing to escape him). Not long after, Charlotte was killed in a car accident.

Humbert takes custody of Lolita and freely takes liberties with her. He becomes her mother, father and lover. Lolita finally runs away and when they reunite she is married and pregnant. With his "nymphet" gone forever Humbert has nothing to live for. He hunts down the man who helped Lolita run away and kills him.

There are two film versions of *Lolita*.

The first was done by Stanley Kubrick in 1962 and the second by Adrian Lyne in 1998. Neither is able to fully capture the profound psychological drama of the novel. However, both attempt to present the overall feeling of Lolita and still focus on aspects of the novel that coincide with the director's vision.

Lolita questioned social values and experimented with the Oedipus complex along with other Freudian theories. Most obviously, the novel questioned why we love and whom we should be allowed to love.

Weekends Top Movies

Acting superstars Mel Gibson and Kevin Costner's films *Payback* and *Message in a Bottle* came in a tie this past weekend at the box office, both pulling in $10.3 million.

Payback, which is in the number one spot for the third straight week, stars Gibson as a professional thief who must get back $70,000 stolen from him by his treacherous partner and wife.

Message in a Bottle stars Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and screen legend Paul Newman. The film centers around Penn's character who finds a message in a bottle while jogging and falls in love with the author (Costner).

Coming in at number three was Buena Vista's big screen version of the 1960s cult hit *My Favorite Martian* with $6.7 million.

Christopher Lloyd plays the extra-terrestrial in this family film and Jeff Daniels is a reporter that stumbles onto the story of the century.

At number four was the Brendan Fraser - Alicia Silverstone comedy *Blast From the Past* with $6.1 million.

This is the story of a young man (Fraser) who has grown up inside of a bomb shelter and now, in his thirties, goes out into the real world.

Number five was the Universal Pictures drama *October Sky* with $6 million.

Sky is the story of a young boy in a small coal - mining town who wants to get out of a life that seems to have already been decided for him.

At number six was the romantic comedy *Shakespeare in Love* with $5.8 million.

Love is about a young William Shakespeare who falls for a peasant girl that longs to be an actress, but at the time only men are allowed to act. She conives her way on stage and in the process inspires Shakespeare to write *Romeo and Juliet.*

In seventh place was the Miramax Pictures teen comedy *She's All That* with $5.4 million.

This film is the story of a "Mr. Popular" who makes a bet with his buddies that he can turn an unpopular girl into the prom queen.

Number eight was the first live-action offering from *Beavis and Butthead* creator Mike Judge, *Office Space.*

Space brought in $4.3 million and is the story of a group of workers who hate their jobs and don't mind telling their bosses so.

Rounding out the top ten was the Bill Murray comedy *Rushmore* with $2.7 million and the Steven Spielberg WWII epic *Saving Private Ryan* with $2.4 million.

Symphony to hold concert

The NSU Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble will perform in concert Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Bill Brent, head of the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts and Director of Bands at Northwestern, will direct the Wind Symphony. Jeff Matthews, assistant director of bands, will conduct the Wind Ensemble.

The Wind Symphony will perform "The Gum-Suckers March" by Percy Grainger, edited by Mark Rogers, "Blue Shades" by Frank Ticheli,"Celebration Overture" by Paul Creston and "Flag of Stars" by Gordon Jacob. Also on the program is "Passages" by Keith Gates "Passages" will be conducted by Steve Hand, band director at Barbe High School in Lake Charles. The work was composed in memory of Hand's daughter who was murdered about two years ago.

Works to be performed by the Wind Ensemble are "Fanfare for a New Era" by Jack Stamp, variations on "America" by Charles Ives and translated by William Rhoads, "His Honor" by Henry Fillmore, edited by Frederick Fennell and "Lauds" by Ron Nelson.

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Students learn while teaching

Joni Naquin
Staff reporter

Each Wednesday a few NSU students have the opportunity to teach Spanish to children while also developing their own Spanish skills.

Sixteen students from Spanish 2010, 2020, and 3090 were selected to help teach Spanish to children at the university's lab school and earn extra credit in their class. Students may be given the opportunity to teach the students, provided that they are in upper level Spanish classes.The students teach 3 and 4 year olds, as well as, grades K-5.

The program hopes to implement Spanish skills in students at an early age in order to avoid problems with foreign languages later in their education, according to Beatriz Lado Monserrat, the programs coordinator.

She hopes the program will soon be able to teach more than just one day a week. According to Monserrat, the teachers love the program and even integrate some Spanish into their own teaching.

The students that teach at the school use 15 minutes every Wednesday to teach the children Spanish vocabulary and spanish songs such as "Ten Little Indians," and "Cucarocha."

The most positive aspect of the program is the children's enthusiasm. Dana Gonzales, Nikki Walker, Sandra Wiggins, and Santino Vialpando are just a handful of the selected students who teach the children Spanish. The four were in agreement that the children love the lessons. They also agree on feeling rewarded by the children's enthusiasm and excitement for learning Spanish.

" They are so enthusiastic, that last week my class wanted to learn how to say 'Raise the Roof,' " Gonzales said. "All the enthusiasm from the students makes it very rewarding for us."

The program uses materials they produce in the Foreign Language Department, but soon they hope to apply for a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Grant for more materials. The program this semester lasts from January 27 through April 21.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Nikki Walker and Santino Vialpando call on students to answer questions while teaching at the lab school.

"Current Quotes"

"Recently, Alexandria raised the age to get into bars to 21. What do you think would be the effect if that law were passed in Natchitoches?"

"I think a lot of the bars in Natchitoches would close because most of Natchitoches consists of college students under the age of 21."
Charnell Mudd, Freshman

"The bars would lose a lot of business. Even though students are not 21 they still like to party."
Brandi Crouch, Sophomore

"It is a bad idea because the entire campus would shut down. Freshman would be deprived the opportunity of the true college experience."
Kyle Thomas, Junior

"I think it would cause a lot of local bars to lose money because a lot of their customers are Northwestern students and a lot of those students are under 21."
Felicia Jones, Senior

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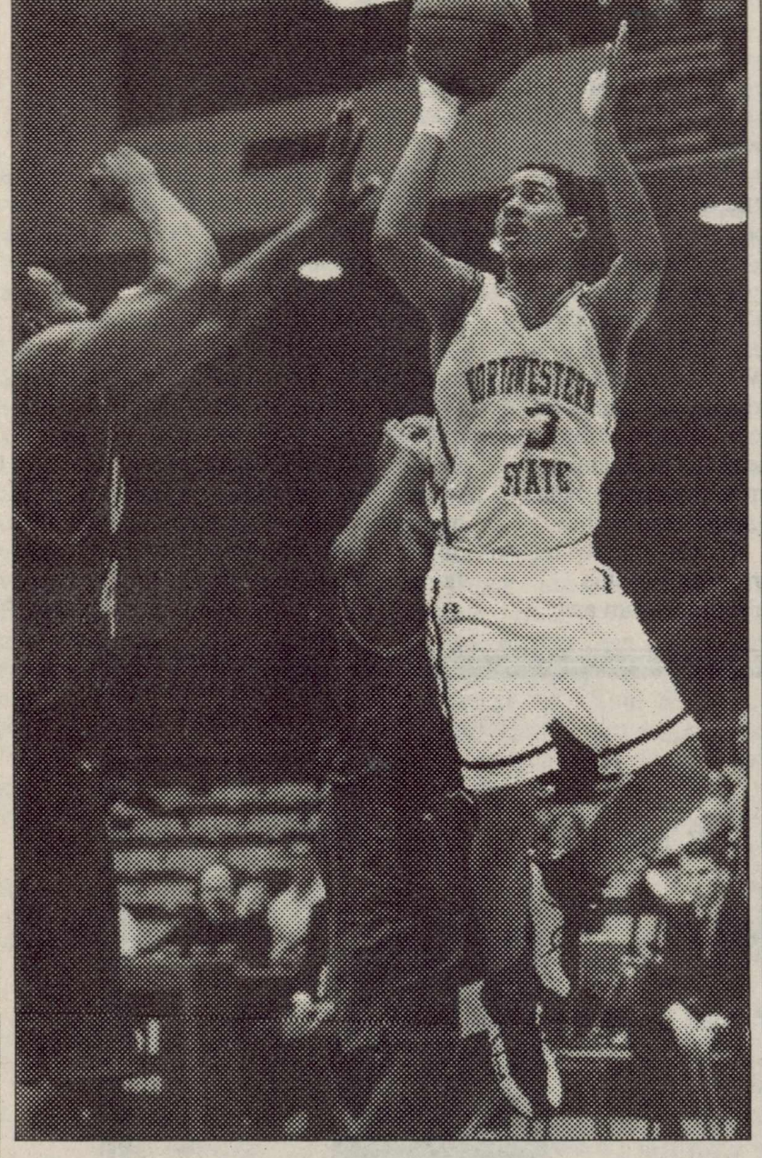

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Ryan Duplessis takes a running jump shot while two SFA players attempt to block his shot. His contribution of 17 points, helped the Demons to victory.

Demons snap skid in brutal 97-70 win over SFA

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks checked into the Smackdown hotel Saturday afternoon and smelled what the Demons were cooking as the Demons ended their 4-game losing streak 97-70.

In a game that was highlighted by two team technicals, four SFA players fouling out and a couple of game-stopping near-fights, the Demons remained composed to snap thier worst losing skid in 5 years.

Playing in front of the 1,372 Demon fans in the last home game of the season, the Demons, who had only shot 38 percent from the field in the past 5 games, knocked down 52 percent of their shots (33-63) from the field and sank 8 of 15 three pointer to hand the Lumberjacks their 7th straight loss, dropping them to 4-20 on the year.

The two of the four players who fouled out, Terrance Lofton and Patrick Gusters where the top scorers for the SFA Lumberjacks. They collected fouls in the second half after the intesity of the game almost got out of hand. After two players from both teams went up for a rebound, tempers flared and a fight almost ensued on the court. No ejections were handed down, although play was stopped for almost 10 minutes.

The Demons, who even after the win are still mathematically eliminated from the sixth spot in the Southand conference, now increase their record to 10-14 overall and 7-9 in conference.

Richard Taylor, playing in only his second game after missing a month with a stress fracture in his right ankle, capped off an afternoon where everything went the Demons' way. Taylor had the game high of 21 points and also grabbed 7 bourds. Taylor was also one steal shy of the school record of 8 with 7.

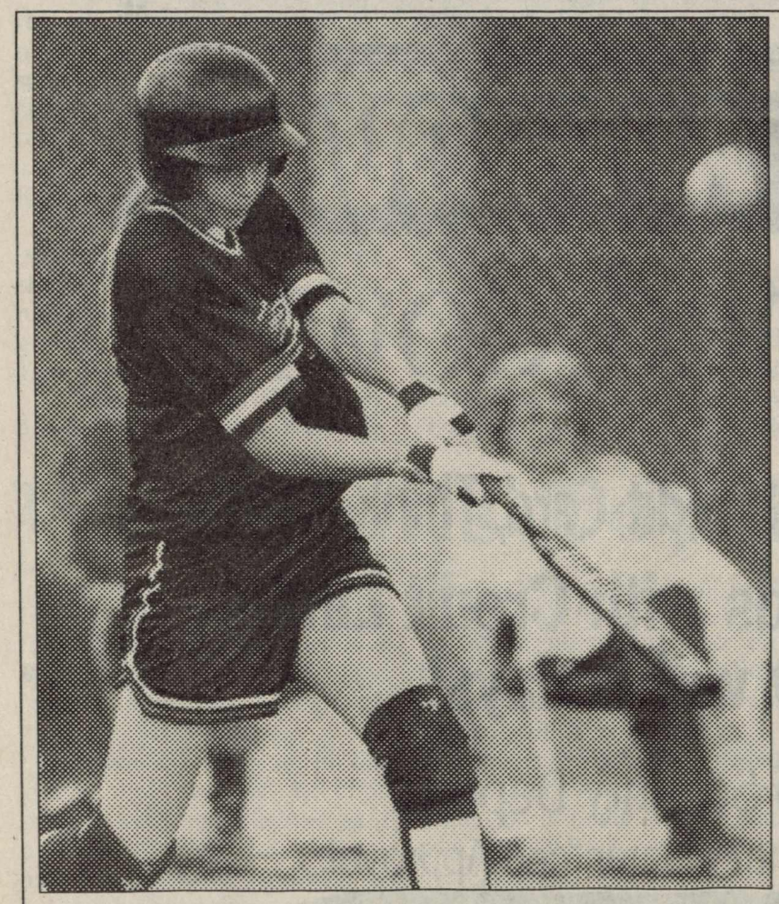
The only bright spot for the Lumberjacks came in Southland Conference leading scorer Patrick Gusters, who matched his average of 20 points. The Demons held SFA to only 43 percent shooting the entire game.

Six Demons, Taylor along with Ryan Duplesis, Allan Polk, Will Burks, Amidd Sardinea and Brent Shropshire scored in double figures in the game. Duplesis was behind Taylor with 17 points including 3 for 3 shooting behind the 3-point arc. Polk had 13 points with Burks right behind him with 12. Both Sardinea and Shropshire added 10 points for the Demons.

The Demons shot 60 percent from the field in the first half and led by 15 at halftime. SFA never led at any point in the second half and found themselves down by 30, 89-59, with 4 minutes left in the game.

The Demons also won the battle on the boards, by outrebounding the Lumberjacks 48-26. Sardinea led the Demons in rebounding with 9. In 20 years of coaching, Coach J.D. Barnett has never had a team of his outrebounded for an entire season. This year, the Demons have been outrebounded by 5 teams so far.

The Demons will round out the season this Thursday and Saturday, playing Southeast Louisiana on Thursday. The last time these two teams met, the Demons held on to an 81-79 win at home on a last second shot by Alann Polk. The Demons will then face a Lamar team which they defeated earlier in the year 79-60.



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Amber Welker gets a piece of a pitch during the conference sweep of McNeese State.

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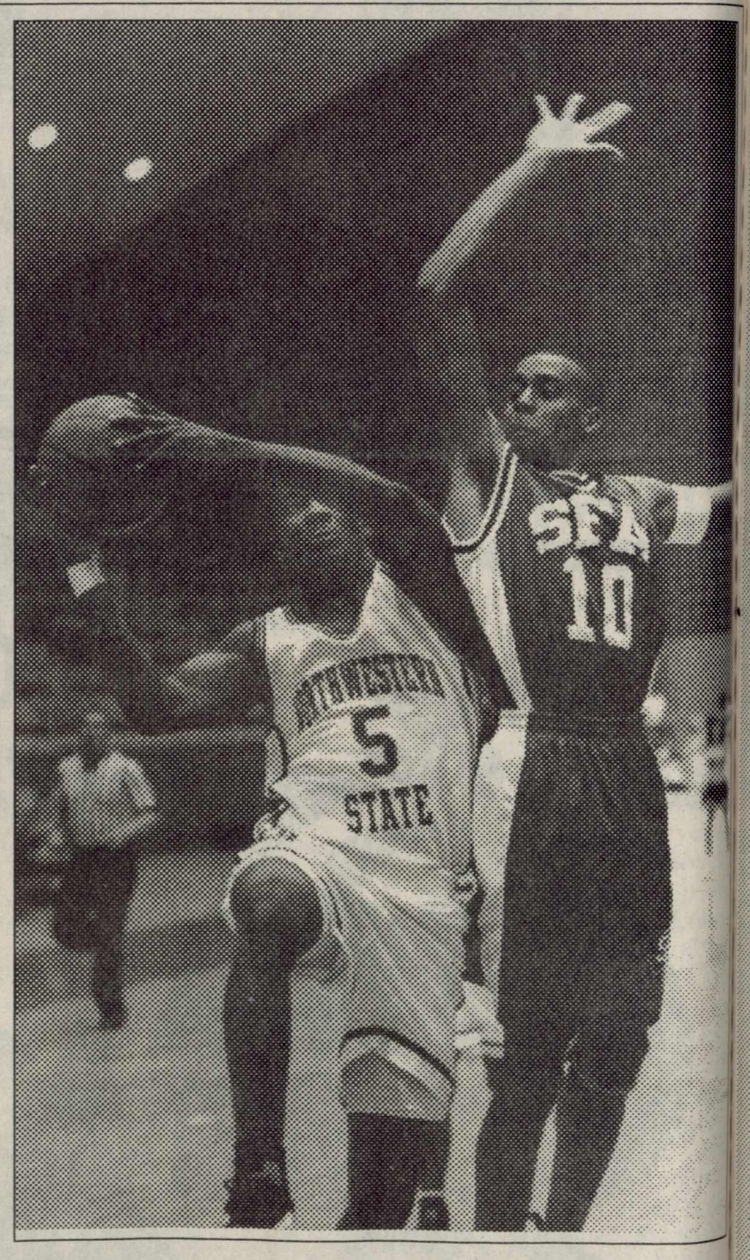
Brent Shropshire contributed 10 points towards the Demons victory over SFA on Saturday while picking up a technical foul for fighting with an opposing player.



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In a comeback performance after missing a month due to a sprained ankle, Richard Taylor drives towards the basket to score 2 of his 17 points on the evening.

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Short-handed tennis team falls at UNO

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

A short-handed NSU Women's Tennis team traveled to New Orleans to play UNO after a tough week which included dual matches against ABAC, Mississippi University for Women, Western Florida, Wallace State College, Tyler Junior College, and the UNO match.

Northwestern opened the year against ABAC, losing 5-2 as Natalie Unger in singles as well as the doubles team of Marta Zivanov and Liza Mulholland each produced victories. Unger downed Louise Holmvik 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 4 singles match. Zivanov/Mulholland won 8-6 over Milena Stanoytchheva and Nicky Sharp in the No. 1 doubles match.

Next up was dual matches against Mississippi University for Women, as Zivanov and Unger were again solid. However, MUF pulled out the victory, 3-2. Zivanov defeated Eszter Zlatarov 6-4, 6-2 in the No. 1 match and Unger beat Ioulia Bolotova 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 4 match.

Western Florida blanked NSU the next day 6-0, and then, the Demons produced a split against Wallace State on Valentine's Day. Zivanov defeated Nena Torres 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5 in the tiebreaker) in the No. 1 singles match. Merlin Prezens downed Jessica Lewis in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 in the No. 2 singles match and Unger beat Carol Poore 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 4 singles match.

Last Wednesday, Tyler Junior College beat NSU 9-1 in a dual match that does not count against NSU's record. The lone Demon victory came when Brandee Lasuzzo defeated Amber Felton 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 5 singles match.

Against UNO, Kathryn Olsen gave the short-handed Demons its lone victory 6-2, 6-2 over Janet Fugiel in the No. 5 singles match. Northwestern was playing without No. 1 Zivanov (illness) and No. 2 Brandi Matthews (wrist), and dropped all other matches in straight sets. The loss dropped NSU to 1-4 on the year.

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Peveto leaves NSU for Univ. of Houston

Veteran Northwestern State football coach Sam Goodwin plans to promote from within his staff to replace departed defensive coordinator and linebacker coach Brad Peveto, who has accepted a position at the University of Houston.

Goodwin said he expects to name Peveto's replacements by the end of the week. Peveto spent three seasons at Northwestern, helping the Demons capture back-to-back Southland Football League championships in each of the past two seasons.

Northwestern, 11-3 this year on the heels of an 8-4 season in 1997, reached the national Division I-AA semifinals in 1998 and finished with a final No. 3 national ranking, the best in school history.

Peveto accepted a post as secondary coach at Houston on the staff of seventh-year head coach Kim Helton.

"We have some excellent coaches to choose from, both for the linebacker coaching job and the coordinator's position," he said. "We're happy for Brad to make a move back to the area where he grew up, but we sure hate to lose him.

"Brad gave everything he had to Northwestern and Demon football. We are going to miss his enthusiasm and energy. He played a big role in our championships the last two seasons," said Goodwin. "We will also miss (his wife) Melissa, who ran our Demon Sweethearts support group and did a tremendous job. They are a great couple."

Brad Peveto

Peveto helped develop the vaunted "Purple Swarm" defense which has been ranked among the top 20 nationally in each of his three seasons at Northwestern. He coached four All-Americans — safety Tony Joe Maranto in 1997 and three this year, cornerback Jermaine Jones, defensive end Robert Daniel and safety Mike Green.

Under his leadership, the Demon defense set single-game records for fewest yards allowed (67 vs. Southwest Texas State in 1997), fewest first downs allowed (4 vs. SWT, 1997), fewest rushing yards allowed (minus 31 vs. Southern, 1998) and most quarterback sacks (12 vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1996). The Purple Swarm also set single-season records for sacks in two of his three seasons, notching 43 in 1998.

Veteran assistants Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis will share the defensive coordinator duties, Goodwin announced late Friday. Corless will replace Peveto as linebackers coach while Curtis will continue to coach the defensive backs.

He earlier withdrew from consideration after interviewing for the head coaching position at Nicholls State.

Demon track teams shine at SLC Indoor Championships

Sports Information

Northwestern State recorded its best-ever women's finish, third, and was a strong second in the men's competition Sunday at the Southland Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Dasha Thompson swept the women's 60 and 200 meter dash titles, All-American Ronnie Powell defended his 60 meter dash crown, and Kendrick Turner was the men's field event scoring leader and triple jump champion to spearhead Northwestern. Saturday night, Felipe Apablaza gave Northwestern its other individual championship by winning the men's high jump.

As expected, Texas-Arlington swept the men's and women's team titles Sunday.

In the men's standings, UTA scored 112 points to 89 for defending champion Northwestern. McNeese was third with 82, ahead of Sam Houston (74), Texas-San Antonio (54), Southwest Texas (53), Stephen F. Austin (42), Northeast Louisiana (41.5), Lamar (24), Southeastern Louisiana (8 1/2) and Nicholls State (5).

In women's competition, UTA had 139 points, followed by Stephen F. Austin (94), Northwestern (91), McNeese (81), Sam Houston (62), Northeast Louisiana (48.5), Southwest Texas (32.5), Texas-San Antonio (27), Southeastern Louisiana (6) and Lamar (4). The previous best finish for the Lady Demons in SLC Indoor competition was fourth. Their 91 points shattered the old school SLC Indoor best of 59.

Thompson, a junior from Longview, Texas, accounted for 22 points herself by sweeping the sprints and running a strong third leg on the Lady Demons' second place 4x400 relay team (3:51.91). She ran 7.57 to win the 60 and clocked 24.95 in her 200 meter victory.

The Lady Demons picked up 30 points in those two races. Freshmen twins, Camille and Kim Pouncy went 4-5 in the 200, with Kim notching eighth in the 60. Their times in the 200 were nearly identical (24.24 to 25.25).

The Northwestern women added 14 more points in the triple jump, getting a 2-3 finish from senior Tiffany Cronin (39-8) and sophomore Alisa Matthews (39-7 3/4).

The triple jump lived up to expectations for the Northwestern men, who train alongside the USA's top-ranked Olympic triple jump candidate, former NSU All-American LaMark Carter. The Demons scored 23 points Sunday in that event: Turner winning with a 50-3 1/4 mark, Tyson Dillard third less than an inch back (50-2 1/2), Tony Taylor fifth (49-4 1/4) and Apablaza sixth (49-3).

Turner and Dillard added 6 more by finishing fourth and sixth, respectively, in the long jump Saturday night.

The Demons stacked up 14 points apiece in the 60 meter dash and the 800 on Sunday.

Powell, who had arthroscopic ankle surgery 13 days ago, repeated as the SLC Indoor champ in the 60 with a 6.86 clocking. Chad Miller was sixth at 6.95 and Mike Green eighth in 6.96 for the Demons.

Todd Boddie (1:53.65) and Kyle Thomas (1:53.78) finished 2-3 in the 800.

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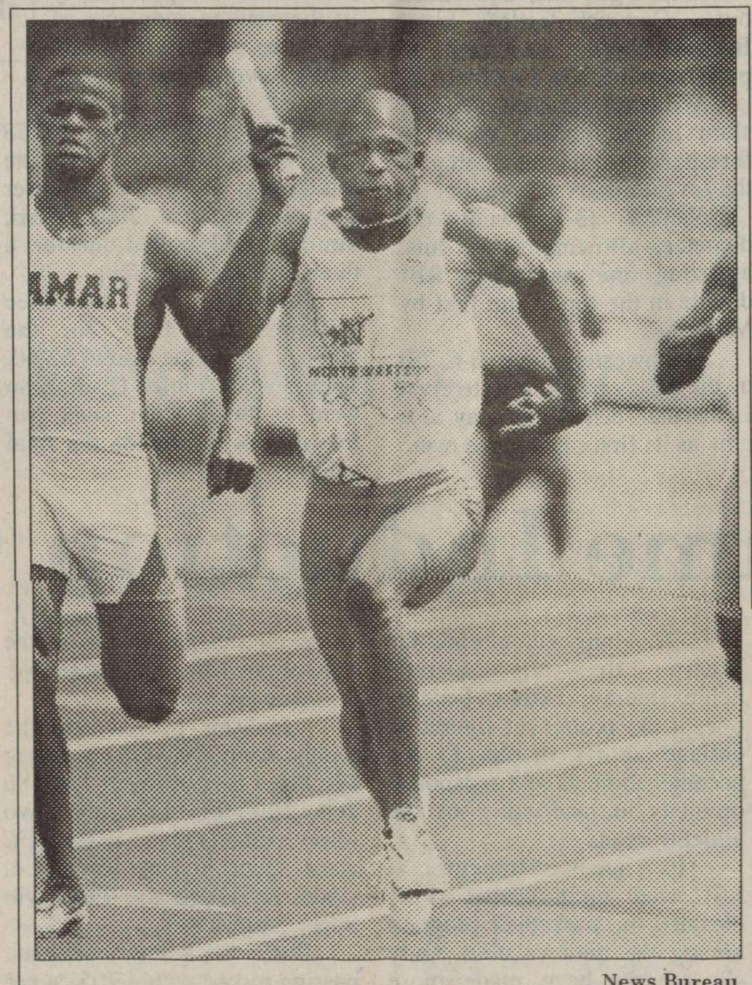
The University presents a plaque to former defensive coordinator Brad Peveto who will head the University of Houston to take the position of secondary coach under Kim Helton.



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Sprinter Ronnie Powell still remain champions of the 60 meter dash, posting a time of 6.86.

Student Athlete of the Week

Tom Batson
Baseball

The senior third baseman had a 2-of-4, including an RBI single and a homer in a 15-4 victory over Nicholls State. Batson homered with two outs in the bottom of the eighth, scoring three runs. The Demons move to 9-2 overall.

Upcoming Home Contests
Men's Baseball
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Student Athlete of the Week

Judy Clark
Women's Basketballl

The junior guard scored 29 point in the 64-60 victory over the university of Texas-Arlington Lady Mavericks. She also tied her career high in points with 31 against SFA. The Demons improve to 19-4 overall and 15-2 as the 1999 Souuthland Conference Champs.

Upcoming Home Contests
Women's Basketball
SLU
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Seniors Louise Chase and Sonya Beardern were honored Saturday before their last game in Prather Coliseum against the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks.

Lady Demons Take SLC Crown

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons completed their home portion of the schedule this past week by hosting the second and third place teams in the Southland Conference.

The second place UT-Arlington Lady Mavericks came calling Thursday night at Prather Coliseum. The game had bigger implications for both teams. With a win, the Lady Demons would win the Southland Conference regular season title as well as clinch the No. 1 seed in next week's CenturyTel Southland Conference Classic and all important first round bye

For UTA, it needed a win to stay in second place, with third place Stephen F. Austin nipping at its tails. Northwestern got the better end of the deal, winning 64-60, although it wasn't without a fight.

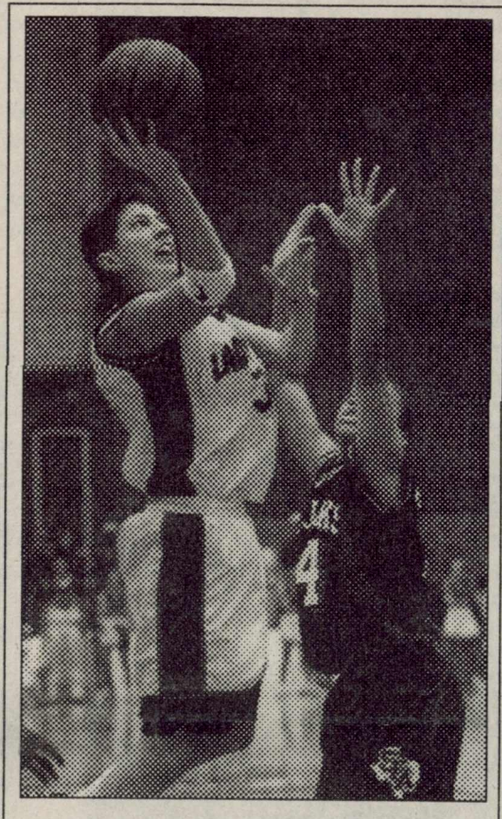
After shooting 44% from the field in the first half, including 50% from three-point range, and holding the Lady Mavericks to only 19 first half points on 33% shooting, NSU took a 29-19 lead into the locker room.

But, UTA exploded in the second half, particularly in the waning moments of the game and cut the NSU lead to two at one point in time.

With NSU leading 62-58 with less than a minute remaining, UTA star Jennifer Boniol forced a Judy Clark turnover and pulled up for a three, missing her target.

However, Monticee Williams was there for the putback, to cut the lead to 62-60. They quickly fouled Clark, who went to the line and sunk two free throws to provide the final margin.

UTA shot 45 percent from the field in the second half, and was paced by Williams (26 points, 10 rebounds) and Boniol (15 points). NSU had to rely on its blistering shot percentage to hold off the Lady Mavericks, who seemed to be gaining more confidence as the game progressed.



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Judy Clark continues to lead the team in scoring.

The Lady Demons shot 52 percent in the second half, and were led by Clark, who had 29 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists. Louise Chase added 16, while Kia Converse chipped in 12 points to go along with her team-leading 9 rebounds.

Next up for the SLC Champion Lady Demons was a matchup Saturday afternoon with the rival SFA Ladyjacks.

The Ladyjacks were playing for second place in the conference, and used some motivated play to down NSU, 74-66 in the Lady Demons' home finale.

In the visiting locker room, there was a sign that said "Welcome to the home of the 1999 SLC Champs." The Ladyjacks scratched through it, proclaiming that NSU might have their rings, but NSU doesn't have their watches, which the NCAA Tournament participants receive.

It was behind that motivation, poor second half shooting by the Lady Demons, and a blistering baseline offense that propelled SFA past NSU in what now might be a preview of the SLC Tournament Championship game.

SFA claims the number two seed in the conference tournament for now, because UTA lost Saturday to Northeast Louisiana. With the win over NSU, SFA holds the tiebreaker over the Lady Mavericks for the second spot and first round bye. The teams were almost even during the first half, as SFA took a 32-30 lead into the intermission.

However, in the second half, the Ladyjacks shot 55 percent from the field, while NSU could only muster a 36 percent performance shooting. The Ladyjacks blistered the Lady Demons on the baseline, as four Ladyjacks scored in double figures for the game.

NSU was led once again by Clark, who matched her career and season high of 31 points, which came earlier this season against the same SFA Ladyjacks. The Lady Demons also got 12 points apiece from Chase and Converse. Jamila Newman collected a team high 10 boards as well.

Softball fair well at LSU; sweeps SLC opener

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons softball team began the Tiger Classic Softball Tournament with a 3-2 loss to the University of Mobile.

The Demons constructed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning with two outswhen Shannon Straty hammered a double, scoring Jada Garcia who reached on a walk. Brandy Kenney followed with an RBI single to bring Straty home.

Mobile came back in the top of the sixth and ninth scoring 3 run to win.

Northwestern State came back in the second game to leave in- state and conference rival McNeese State 3-0.

Demon April Cook air-mailed a two-RBI single at the bottom of the second,giving the Demons an easy 2-0 edge.

Kenney added a sacrifice fly for Northwestern in the bottom of the fifth, sending Linette Stuart, who reached on a single, stole second, and advanced to third on a Cowgirl mistake.

Pitcher Amber Welker notched her first win of the season, spreading six hits including a double and triple, earning a shutout also.

After advancing to single-elimination play the next day, the Demons exacted revenge on Mobile, beating them 3-2.

Senior third baseman Kita Williams walloped a two-run triple only after first baseman Shante Jones lit the scoreboard with a RBI single in the top of the first.

Amber Welker (2-1) scattered five hits and allowed only one earned run to beat Mobile, who was 57-5 last season.

After a 9-1 loss in the championship against LSU, Northwestern State opened conference play with two wins over McNeese, 3-2 in the first game and 10-1 in the nightcap.

The Demons got a perfect outing for catcher Shannon Straty, who went 4-4 from the plate, including a two RBI double that gave the Demons the 3-2 advantage in the top of the fifth.

Cindy Leggett (2-2) scattered eight hits, and struck out Cowgirl leadoff hitter Brandi Nickel swinging to preserve a 3-2 win.

Williams smashed a grand slam in the second game to foreshadow a six run inning in the seventh.

Welker (3-1) went the distance, allowing seven hits, allowing one run off a RBI double in the top of the first by McNeese.

Northwestern State (6-6, 2-0 in the SLC) hosts in-state rival Louisiana Tech Wednesday at 6 p.m. as its first night game ever.

1999 Hall of Fame Induction Class named

Sports Information

Some of Louisiana's great sports trailblazers, headlined by longtime LSU basketball coach Dale Brown are among seven men who have been elected to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

New Orleans Saints linebacker Rickey Jackson, a six-time All-Pro for the Saints who also won a Super Bowl ring with San Francisco is another of the 1999 Hall of Fame inductees.

Grambling and NFL quarterback James "Shack" Harris, NFL All-Pro Pat Studstill of Shreveport, Northeast Louisiana University football great Joe Profit, Louisiana College basketball and baseball coach Billy Allgood and New Orleans sports entrepreneur Dave Dixon have also been chosen for induction by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association. Brown elevated the stature of college basketball in the state during his remarkable 25 seasons as coach at LSU as the Tigers made two Final Four appearances and remained among the nation's high-profile programs.

Harris was the first black quarterback to open and finish the season as a starter in NFL history during a 12-year pro career. Profit, a first-round NFL Draft pick, was the first black to play college football at a mostly white state college. Both Harris and Profit are Monroe natives.

Dixon was a driving force in bringing the Saints to New Orleans, organizing the Louisiana Superdome project, and helping found several pro sports ventures such as the United States Football League and World Championship Tennis.

Allgood coached at Louisiana College from 1959-96, including 26 years as basketball coach. His Wildcats defeated Grambling in a 1970 game that was the first regular-season meeting of predominantly white and mostly black state schools.

Studstill, a 12-year NFL veteran, was a three-time All-Pro as a receiver and punter while starring for Detroit and the Los Angeles Rams.

The seven will be formally inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 26, in Natchitoches at a banquet capping two days of festivities. Also honored will be two recipients of the LSWA's Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

Brown is an unequaled figure in state sports history, making immense impact as the LSU basketball coach from 1973-97. Along with guiding the Tigers to unprecedented achievements, Brown became one of the prominent figures in college sports thanks to his accomplishments and outspoken opinions in, and out , of the athletic arena.

His accomplishments at LSU were multi-faceted as he elevated the basketball program among the nation's elite. Only six schools have made more consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances (10) than LSU did under Brown, who won three national Coach of the Year awards during his 25 seasons.

LSU is the only Southeastern Conference school to appear in 10 straight NCAA Tournaments and 15 national postseason tournaments in a row. Brown, with 448 wins, is the second-winningest coach in SEC history behind only Adolph Rupp of Kentucky.

The Tigers made 13 NCAA Tournament trips in the Brown Era, reaching the Final Four twice. Easily the winningest coach in LSU basketball history, Brown won seven state Coach of the Year awards.

All school attendance records tumbled during his tenure. The Tigers played before the largest turnstile crowd (54,321) ever to witness a regular-season college basketball game on Jan. 28, 1989, at the Superdome when LSU upset No. 2-ranked Georgetown.

Jackson played for the Saints from 1981-94, winning Pro Bowl invitations in 1983-86 and 1992-93. His last two seasons among his 15 in the NFL were spent in San Francisco, where he helped the 49ers win Super Bowl XXIX.

Harris set a state collegiate passing record with 4,705 career yards under Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Coach Eddie Robinson at Grambling, leading the Tigers to the 1967 and 1968 Southwestern Athletic Conference championships. He started at quarterback for three teams — Buffalo as a rookie and two other games during three seasons, at Los Angeles for most of three seasons and for San Diego — during his 12 year NFL career.

He was the 1975 Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player, leading the NFC to victory. He quarterbacked the Rams to the playoffs in 1974-76, winning team MVP honors in 1974. He served as a team captain for the Rams in 1976 and the Chargers in 1977.

Profit broke ground as the first black to play collegiate football at a mostly white university, and then covered a lot of ground as a running back for NLU. He finished his career in 1970 as the career rushing leader in the Gulf States Conference with 2,818 yards, and was the seventh player selected in the 1971 NFL Draft.

Studstill, one of the fastest prep sprinters in the country at Byrd High in Shreveport, developed into one of the most versatile NFL players in the 1960s. His 12-year pro football career was highlighted by consecutive Pro Bowl appearances in 1965-67, while he starred as a receiver and punter for Detroit.

Allgood had immense impact on athletics at Louisiana College in Pineville during five decades, a career that spanned from 1959-97. He served as basketball coach from 1959-85, baseball coach from 1970-97 and athletic director from 1965-96.

Best known as a fiery basketball coach whose teams constantly overachieved in his 25 seasons on the bench, Allgood is the state's fifth-winningest college hoop mentor with 327 wins. The Wildcats competed against all of the state colleges during his first decade while continually facing well-known regional foes such as Texas-El Paso, Western Kentucky and Murray State.

Allgood revived the LC baseball program from scratch, literally building the playing field himself, and he guided the Wildcats to the 1987 NAIA Tournament. In 1994, LC beat LSU 7-5 in Baton Rouge, marking the first and only time an NAIA foe has beaten a defending College World Series champion.

Dixon, a New Orleans businessman, is considered the"father of professional football" in New Orleans and was a driving force behind the construction of the Louisiana Superdome.

His efforts over several years resulted in the NFL awarding a franchise to New Orleans in 1966. He briefly served as chairman of the board of the Saints, resigning to take over organizing the Louisiana Superdome project.

He was the first CEO of the Superdome. He also played pivotal roles in attracting events to New Orleans such as the NCAA Final Four, the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Trials, and the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

Dixon has helped found several other professional sports ventures, such as World Championship Tennis and the United States Football League.

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Barnett resigns

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

After five seasons, head basketball coach J.D. Barnett resigned as head basketball coach late Monday afternoon.

Barnett ended his fifth season with the Demons Saturday, bringing a team picked 10th in preseason polls to seventh place in the SLC.

Barnett, who has made seven NCAA appearances while coaching at six schools in 21 years, compiled a 55-79 record at Northwestern without a winning season.

The Demons posted at 37-49 mark in the Southland Conference under his reign and did not make a postseason tournament.

Athletic Director Greg Burke said a national search for a new head coach will begin immediately. Assistant coaches will remain on board and could be retained by the new coach, who could be hired later this month.

"Coach Barnett leaves this program on solid footing," Burke said. "We appreciate his integrity, his tireless work ethic, the values he passed along to the young men in his program, and those qualities are among those we want in our new coach. His players always competed extremely well, and more important,

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BSU asks, 'Do you know?'

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

They are everywhere you turn. They are on cars and they are even in Spanish. They are the advertisements posing the puzzling question, "Do you know?"

In case you still have not found out, "Do you know" is a revival the Baptist Student Union is sponsoring this week through March 5.

The BSU's evangelism committee came up with the "Do you know?" campaign in order to peak students curiosity so they will come to the event. The theme also centers around "Do you know Jesus Christ?" This is what the BSU will be focusing on during the revival.

The revival opens each night at 7:30 with a guitar and drums praise band performing uplifting songs. A drama team will also perform acts for the revival.

Each night the revival will have a special guest speaker. The five revival speakers will include local ministers from around the area

"It's going to be a real neat thing to see," said Mike Dean, the director of the BSU's evangelism committee.

"Who knows what else will come out of it?" Dean said. "We are just hoping to just have a really good time and to really seek the truth, so that even us who already have become Christians are ready to have our hearts revived, as well."

The Baptist Student Union has not had a revival like this for some time. According to Dean, it has been a few years since the BSU held a large revival. Other statewide BSU organizations hold revivals regularly and NSU's BSU felt the need to hold one of their own.

"We've just been really slacking and we realize that now," Dean said. "We felt that God showed us that what he wanted us to do is for us to have our hearts revived and help revive the hearts of this campus and show them the truth."

"My goals for the revival are more for the campus," BSU member Carly Farrell said. "I hope the week is lead by the spirit and there aren't any selfish motives by the people who are there. Just to praise the Lord and become closer to him."

The BSU hopes that if this revival is successful, they will be able to hold others like it. "If God leads us to one again, we'll do one every semester," commented Dean.

The BSU has high expectations for this revival. They are hoping that around 1,000-1500 people will attend the "Do you know?" revival. Dean remarked if more show up, they will move the location to Prather Coliseum if they have to accommodate everyone. He feels that even if 500-600 show up, the revival will be a success.

The organizers of the "Do you know?" campaign hoped the question would peak students curiosity. Through this campaign, they hope it will not only raise curiosity about what the event is, but will also raise curiosity about God.

"Ultimately everyone is curious to know about life and to know more about God. We thought this would help stir up the curiosity among people," Dean said.

When Dean asked for volunteers to help with setting up the revival, he expected about five people, but was surprised when over 30 showed up to lend a hand. The BSU revival began on Monday and will continue until Friday.

Students may see an increase in meal plans

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

A proposal has been made by Joe Tillman, director of Food Services, to increase meal plan prices for the upcoming fall semester.

Tillman said if the proposal is passed, meal plan prices could increase $30 a semester.

Tillman believes that an increase in meal plan prices is necessary in order to cover the cost of food services.

"We can't continue to provide the level of quality that is currently offered and improve our services without enough money to pay for it," Tillman said. "In order to keep from cutting back, we have to cover our rising costs."

With the proposed price increase amount, Tillman plans to improve and expand the University's food services.

Under this plan, students would no longer need change for the vending machines or separate cards for the copy machines and for identification. Instead, students would be put under "the one-card system" which makes everything accessible through the students' identification card.

According to Tillman, this ID card could be used as a meal card, as a copy card, to get into the dorms, to vote for SGA elections and to purchase snacks from the vending machines.

"It's neat to be able to pull out one card and access anything you want on campus," Tillman said.

Other future food service improvements include a discount catering package for all student organizations, a resumption of contests and prizes in Iberville and a delivery program where for "a minimum order in dollar amount, you can get anything we serve," Tillman said.

Other than improvements, Tillman has begun to make plans to expand the University's food services as well.

The University and Aramark are in the early stages of making plans to add another dining location with a Le Rendezvous-type atmosphere to the portion of campus near Russell Hall.

"This has not been approved yet," Tillman said. "When and where is still under consideration."

Tillman also plans to focus more on food service marketing.

This includes a brochure that will be sent out to students to provide them with nutritional information, specials, coupons and give-aways.

According to Tillman, Aramark has also begun to develop a web page that lists its menu as well as a survey and comment section designed to receive feedback over the internet.

Photo by Steve Evans

A proposal by Joe Tillman, director of Food Services, could increase meal plan prices for the fall semester. If the proposal is passed, prices could go up $30 a semester.

"For us to continue to give an improving quality of service, we have to remain competitive," Tillman said.

But some students complain that the quality of service has become expensive.

"I think the meal plan is too expensive as it is," Ryan Williams, freshman industrial technology major, said. "I don't think that Aramark should raise the meal plan prices."

"I think the benefits are nice, but I can't afford to pay any more than what I'm paying now," Rachael Kidd, freshman journalism major, said.

According to Tillman, the proposed meal plan prices will still be lower than that of any other state university.

"Even with the proposed increase, Northwestern will still have the lowest price for one of the better meal plans in the state," Tillman said. "I want to keep prices as low as I can because I've got kids who are going to come to college someday, too."

A common concern among students is whether or not they will be able to vote on the proposed increase.

"I think that students are not going to be willing to pay more for a service they are not currently satisfied with," David Gunn, sophomore political science major, said. "I think Mr.

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Albertson's opens to the community

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

As dignitaries cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of Albertson's on La. Hwy. 6. Wednesday, a new era of business began in Natchitoches.

City officials view the new Albertson's as the key to launching many new businesses in west Natchitoches, the area located on the University side of Cane River.

"This is going to be an anchor store," University President Randall Webb said.

Already, two new banks plan to establish themselves in the same area as Albertson's.

"Natchitoches Parish is one of the fastest growing parishes in the state," Mayor Joe Sampite said at the opening.

Albertson's presented Sampite with a Team Albertson's T-shirt as a token of their appreciation.

"I'll do just anything for growth," Sampite said as he put the shirt on.

The new grocery store was constructed using a combination of private, city, and University land. The selling of University land was the first in over 100 years.

"I was taught that this was hallowed ground, so we didn't give up this land easily," Webb said.

Albertson's has made an immediate impact on the community and is sure to continue to do so.

Albertson's will work with the National Arbor Foundation in an effort to plant trees throughout the community.

They also coordinate the Community Partners Program, a program that rewards non-profit organizations when they make purchases with a special card.

"We're trying to expand on off-campus jobs," Webb said. "We know that Albertson's is going to hire a large number of Northwestern students. We think that this is a win/win situation."

One student hired by Albertson's is Christie Kolwe, a freshman pre-med major.

"They're flexible with hours with class stuff," Kolwe said

Scott Hazel, district manager for Albertson's, stressed that the new store follows in the tradition of Joe Albertson.

"Give the customers what they want at a reasonable price with tender and loving care," Hazel said of Albertson's 50-year-old philosophy. "We're proud to be new members of the community."

Chester Duhon, the store director of the new Albertson's and an Albertson's employee of 10 years, relocated from Lafayette in order to work at the new location.

"If I had to move away, this is a great place to live," Duhon said.

Early customers expressed excitement over the new store.

"I love it; I think Natchitoches needed it," Susan Pesnaud said. " We need a little competition."

"They should have come to this side of town years ago," Kenneth Clark, another customer, said.

The new Albertson's contains much more than most grocery stores. It includes "substations," such as Beverage Boulevard, Candy City, and Snack Central, along with a pet section, movie rental, and coffee shop.

"They have a nice coffee bar," Webb commented. "I might try that out first."

As for Sampite's first purchase at Albertson's, he had just the thing in mind.

"I think I'm going to buy my wife some flowers," he said.

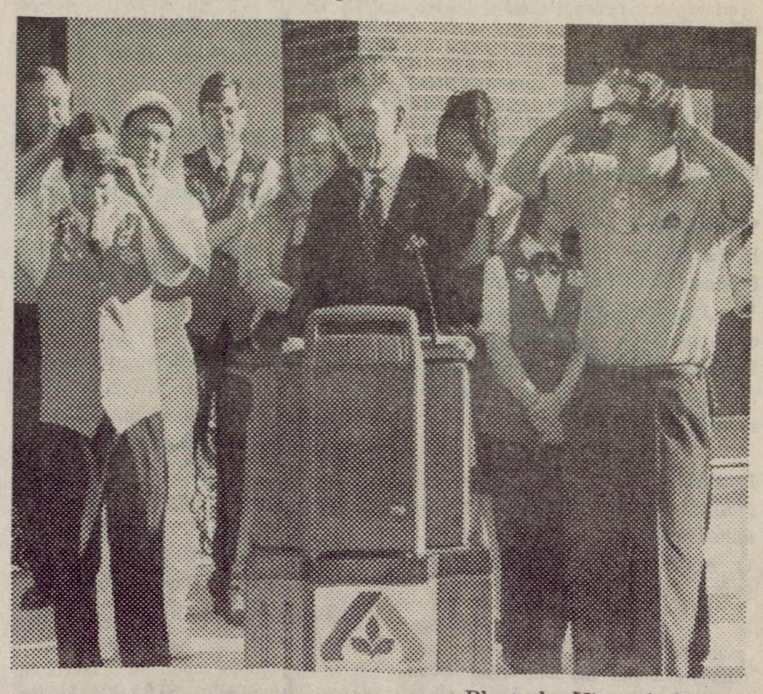

Photo by Virginia Dixon

University President Randall Webb speaks at the grand opening of Albertson's on Wednesday. Webb told the crowd that the new store, which is located on La. Hwy. 6 across from the University, would be an "anchor store" for the community.

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Tech fee used for campus improvements

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

During the last year and a half, over $1.5 million of technology fee-related improvements have been made at the University.

At the beginning of each semester, students are assessed an additional $5 per credit hour, capped at $100, to enhance the technology.

The technology fee was voted on and passed by the students in fall 1997. Many students are misled in thinking the fees are not used for the sole purpose of computer labs.

Each fiscal year, $200,000 is taken out of the total amount of technology fees collected. This money is turned into investments to allow the money to grow.

There are several different areas on campus where the money is distributed.

First, the money has been used to set up computer labs all over campus to help students have easier access to computers when needed. Several of the dorms on campus have new computer labs. The only problem with setting up labs in all of the dorms is the lack of space.

There has been some discussion of a "late hour lab" being opened on campus.

This would benefit students who have jobs, those in athletics as well as the non-traditional students. A decision on this has not yet been reached.

Secondly, the money goes towards the compressed video facilities. The University has the largest compressed video facilities in the state. Computer labs were set up in all University branches around the state. Almost 700 students take classes from the compressed video sites.

The technology fees are also used for other things such as projectors, teaching software, an upgrade of the dial-up modems, web service servers, help desk and lab supplies.

To find out more information on the technology plan at the University, the Northwestern Technology Enrichment Program (NSTEP) is located on the University's homepage.

The NSTEP document is an outline of what the University wants to do with technology. The document is updated every five years, and students are encouraged to take a look at the document.

Luke Dowden, SGA president, would like to see the technology fee put to use in other areas so the students could benefit from it as much as possible.

The most important area, Dowden said, is the need for a student web-based e-mail. The students need to be removed from the Alpha system and allow it to be an administrative function. This would save time and money for the University.

For more information about the fee, call Dr. Anthony Scheffler at the Computer Center at 357-5594.

2 students arrested on drug charges

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

Two Northwestern students were arrested Thursday night on drug charges by University Police.

Kimberly Turner, 20, and Spring Locke, 19, both students on the Natchitoches campus, were arrested in Dodd Hall for possession of marijuana, according to University Police Det. Doug Prescott.

"We received a call about the smell of marijuana," Prescott said.

University Police responded to the call from Dodd Hall, a residence hall for female students, finding Turner and Locke with the marijuana, Prescott said.

Both students were released on summonses following their arrests.

Although the arrests were made, University Police are keeping the case open.

"It's still under investigation," Prescott said.

'Higher Education Week' being used to promote legislative interest in La.

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association is preparing this week for the upcoming "Campus Communities United for Higher Education Week."

March 8-12 is designated for each public university and community college, including Northwestern, to participate in various activities to promote legislative support for higher education in Louisiana.

The activities were planned by the Council of Student Body Presidents of Louisiana. The group joined together for two reasons. They plan to gain respect with area legislators in order to add input and ideas, and to increase legislative interest in higher education.

The most important aspect of the week is the effort to register voters. By registering voters, the group hopes to influence more representatives and senators to increase their interest in higher education.

The group hopes to convey their support of Foster's budget for higher education by conducting a grass roots campaign dedicated to influencing government.

On March 8, there will be a student forum in the Student Union Ballroom. The forum will address questions about legislation and higher education.

There will be a statewide SGA voter registration drive on March 9. Students will be given the opportunity to register to vote in order to influence statewide legislation for higher

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Tillman should get a lot more feedback from the students before he proceeds with this proposal."

Tillman plans to gather information on the students' greatest needs by going directly to the students for their concerns and suggestions.

"We will increase food service marketing and develop student focus groups to help us determine what services are most needed by students," Tillman said. "The ones that are most needed, we will provide."

Still, most students agree that the proposed increase in meal plan prices is not one of the services most needed by students.

"I think students would go along with the increase of the meal plan if the proposed price was lowered from $30 to $15," Sean Woods, senior journalism major said.

"I have money left over on my meal plan account as it is each semester," Aaron Townley, senior general studies major said. "If the proposed $30 increase price goes into effect, that's just $30 extra dollars that is non-refundable to me at the end of each semester."

Tillman was quoted in the Jan. 26 edition of *The Current Sauce* as saying "prices won't change."

According to Tillman, he was "misquoted."

"I said that initially there wouldn't be any price changes and there won't be any until the fall," Tillman said. "Without the proposed increase, we can't compete in the quality of our staff, add new programs or provide the same quality of food that is currently offered."

He enourages students with concerns or suggestions about Aramark's food services to contact him at anytime.

"My office is always open," he said. "Please feel free to call or come by. This is NSU dining, it's just managed by Aramark. This is your dining service."

SENATE MINUTES

Northwestern State University
Student Government Association
Feb. 22 minutes

Open Senator Positions:
Ja'Juan Allen
Jamie Hughes
1 - Senior Class Senator: Rusty Broussard, Caron Chester
1 - Junior Class Senator: Vanessa Byrd.
1 - Senator -At- Large
Matt Comeaux, Justin Courtney, Earl Gates, David Gunn, Shawn T. Hornsby, Niko Tesvich, Joni Naquin, Chas Vandersypen, Raechal Leone, Jennifer Leger, Madeline Rozas, Paul Rome, Eric Smith, Andrew Davies and Brandy Youngblood.

The Meeting was called to order by Senate Chairman David Gunn at 7:05 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

Chas Vandersypen gave the invocation and Paul Rome led the pledge.

It was established that 17 senators were present giving the Senate quorum to vote on business.

Officer Reports:
Treasurer:
In the absence of Lucas Shaw, President Luke Dowden gave the report stating that an updated budget could be found in each senator's folder.

Vice-President:
In the absence of Angelique Duhon, President Luke Dowden presented the Vice President's report. He reminded everyone about Breakfast with the President on Tuesday morning and ask for suggestions on other student groups to invite to breakfast.

President:
President Luke Dowden presented the following report:
1) Approve Appointments to the Student Trust Fund Committee
A) David Gunn
B) Justin Courtney
This week the Student Trust Fund Committee will meet to discuss funding the Counseling and Career Services to purchase much-needed books and literature as well as funding the Student Services Web Page

Copies of the proposal can be found in each senator's folder.

I would appreciate some resolution supporting the measure.

2) Approve appointments to the University Bookstore Committee
A) Madi Rozas

*The meeting will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge

3) Approve release of information to Dr. Swain for publication in *The Current Sauce*

4) NEED SOMEONE WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF PUBLICIZING SGA AT FRESHMEN CONNECTION THIS SUMMER TO ATTEND A MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8:30 p.m. IN ROOM 320 OF THE STUDENT UNION

*Chas Vandersypen volunteered

5) Everyone going to COSGA needs to talk to Mr. Henry after the meeting for leaving times, etc. The information in the registration packet as well as I strongly encourage you to wear business dress for the Conference. I have copies of some information for those planning to attend.

6) I would encourage the Senate not to have a meeting next week due to so many senators being absent for COSGA

7) Report on Bill FA98-007 status and progress

8) Next ITAC Committee will be on March 8, 1999 - need the SGA representatives to attend at 10AM in Room 429 in Kyser Hall

9) Need someone to represent us at the Curriculum Review Council Meeting at 3:15 p.m. tomorrow
*Senator Earl Gates volunteered
10) Two bill on the table - SP99-002 and SP99-003

11) Three new bills - SP99-004, SP99-005, SP99-006

12) Report that on Wednesday at 4 p.m, Senator Shawn Hornsby and I will meet with William Ackel to discuss the $5.00 Recreation Complex Seasonal Fee

13) Rusty had asked last week for a report on bill FA98-007, I talked to Dr. Webb who sent me the following information. Read information.

14) Would like a report on the Web Page

15) Please participate in the Senate Survey posted on the Bulletin Board - the survey concerns the recognition of student fees by placing stickers on all equipment purchased with Technology Fees.

16) I would like Matt Comeaux to give everyone a report of the Grant Committee Meeting

17) Also, I sent the Organizational Grant Applications back out as requested by the Grant Committee and the new deadline is March 1, 1999 by noon. They were sent the week before Mardi Gras.

18) I still would like some people to volunteer for the "Campus Communities United for Higher Education Week"

19) I would like an opportunity to speak in new business about the bill concerning the recall referendum for the Recreation Complex Seasonal Fee.

21) Senator Greg Gelpi resigned last week leaving an open spot on the Student Senate

22) Have three positions open

23) Had 14 Architects apply for the IM Building Job and one will receive the appointment on Wednesday

24) Ask the Senate to approve the appointment to Brandy Youngblood to the Student Senate as a Senator-At-Large, she is a sophomore from the College of Business.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs:
The resignation of Senator Greg Gelpi leaves the chairman's position vacant.
Senator Broussard reported that a new chairman needed to be elected.

Student Affairs:
Chairman Hornsby reported that the Meeting would be rescheduled for Wednesday night at 6 p.m.

Internal Affairs:
Senator Gunn reported that letters had been sent to those senators not completing office hours for two consecutive weeks.

External Affairs:
Chairman Broussard reported that the webpage is being updated as he receives profiles from SGA members. The radio show is scheduled for Tuesday from1 to 3 p.m. Meet Your Senator Day is tentatively scheduled for March 9. Chairman Broussard also reported that he has been trying to contact Mr. Tillman, the new ARAMARK Director.

Fiscal Affairs:
Chairman Rome reported that the committee is reviewing the budget to appropriate money for future expenditures.

SAB Non-Voting Member:
In the absence of Senator Jamie Hughes, Senator Paul Rome gave the report. He explained that SAB Elections for an open position are scheduled for March 8. He also explained that SAB did not receive the bid for the MTV caravan.

Mr. Henry reported on the difficulty of scheduling music groups for Northwestern's campus. Ryan Scofield, SAB president, invited SGA members to participate in the new Coffee House Series on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Student Union.

Club Sports:
Chairman Tesvich reported that a short meeting would be held after the SGA meeting.

Grant Committee:
Chairman Matt Comeaux reported that the committee met last Monday night after the SGA meeting to review 5 Organizational Grant Applications. He explained that two of the five organizations applying for grant money received
funding.

Old Business:
1) Bill SP99-002 - Lighting between Kyser Hall and Iberville Dining Hall
Motion by Senator Courtney to table, seconded by Senator Gunn. Motion voted on, one opposed, three senators abstained.

Motion to approve the bill by Senator Broussard, seconded by Senator Tesvich, discussion held, motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Senator Gates to table the bill, seconded by Senator Gunn, and all 17 senators present unanimously voted to table the bill.

2) Bill SP99-003 - Student Life Committee. Motion to dispense with reading of the bill made by Senator Broussard, seconded by Senator Comeaux, Senate unanimously approved the motion

Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of Student Affairs, spoke on the bill stating that he would consider the attachments as recommendations to how each committee should be structured.

Motion to approve the bill made by Senator Comeaux, seconded by Senators Allen and Tesvich, all seventeen Senators present unanimously approved the bill.

New Business:
1) SP99-004 - Dry Erase Board for the SGA Office.
Bill read by sponsor Senator Matt Comeaux, discussion held, motion to close discussion by Senator Broussard, Senate decided to refer the proposal to Mr. Henry, SGA Advisor.

2) SP99-005 - Recall Referendum for $5.00 Recreation Complex Fee
Bill read by sponsor Senator Matt Comeaux, discussion presented by SGA President Luke Dowden and Mr. Carl Henry, Senators discussed options, and the bill was automatically tabled for one week as directed by the SGA Constitution.

3) SP99-006 - Residential Assistants for the CAPA wing of Sabine Hall
SGA President Luke Dowden announced that he was calling emergency status on the bill since it had been discussed last semester and rewritten by Senator Comeaux. Motion to call to question was voted and approved with one abstention by Senator Rome. Motion to approve bill SP99-006 by Senator Courtney and seconded by Senator Broussard passed with 16 senators voting in favor and one senator abstaining.

4) On a motion by Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Comeaux, the Senate voted unanimously to approve SGA President Luke Dowden's appointment of Brandy Youngblood to the Student Senate.

5) On a motion by Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Courtney, the Senate voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Senator Justin Courtney to the Student Trust Fund Council.

6) On a motion by Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Courtney, the Senate voted 15 to one to approve the appointment of Senator David Gunn to the Student Trust Fund Council.

7) On a motion by Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Broussard, the floor was opened for nominations for Academic Affairs Chairman. Senator Broussard nominated Senator Vanessa Byrd. Senator Allen moved to close the floor for nominations. Senator Byrd became the Academic Affairs Chairman by acclamation.

8) On a motion by Senator Allen, seconded by Senator Gunn, the SGA meeting was moved next week to Wednesday March 3 at 7 p.m. in room 221 in the Student Union. Thirteen senators voted in favor of the motion, two opposed, and one abstained and the motion passed.

9) On a motion by Senator Gunn, the senate voted to support the Trust Fund Council proposal.

Special Reports:
Senator Rome asked that the scantron give-a-way be moved to the Meet the Senator Day on March 9.

The Senate Chairman David Gunn adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Briefs

Art Society to have annual show

The Student Art Society will be holding its annual Student Art Show April 19-30. They are asking for support from supplies or from monetary donations.

Awards will go to the winner of each category. These will be painting, drawing/ print-making, computer graphics, sculpture and photography. They will also present awards for best of show and people's choice. Everyone in the community is invited.

University to offer sewing class

LEESVILLE -- The Leesville/ Fort Polk campus will be offering a beginning sewing class as part of the Leisure Learning Continuing Education Program.

Beginning Sewing will be taught in two sessions. This will enable persons to participate on the day that is convenient to their schedule.

Session I will be offered on Monday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. beginning March 8. Session II will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. The classes will continue for four weeks and will cost $35.

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Registration deadline will be March 1. For further information, contact Missy Dugan at (318) 238-6445.

Rally protests law clinic restrictions

NEW ORLEANS (From wire reports) -- The state Supreme Court infringed on students' academic freedom when it tightened the rules about who student lawyers may represent, students said at a rally.

About 100 students came to the protest, put on by Tulane's Associated Student Body. They were asked to sign a petition that will be sent to the high court.

Student body president Ford Graham read a resolution, adopted by the ASB earlier this month, that condemns the rule that took effect last July and urges the state Supreme Court to reinstate the old rule.

It said that the clinics are a basic part of legal education and give needed service.

The new rule disqualifies a full-time minimum wage worker from free help at law school clinics, said Simeon Wildman, a first-year law student at Tulane and chairman of the ASB's Rule XX Committee.

The Tulane and Loyola university law school deans and the Louisiana State Bar Association have asked the high court to put off the change and think about it more.

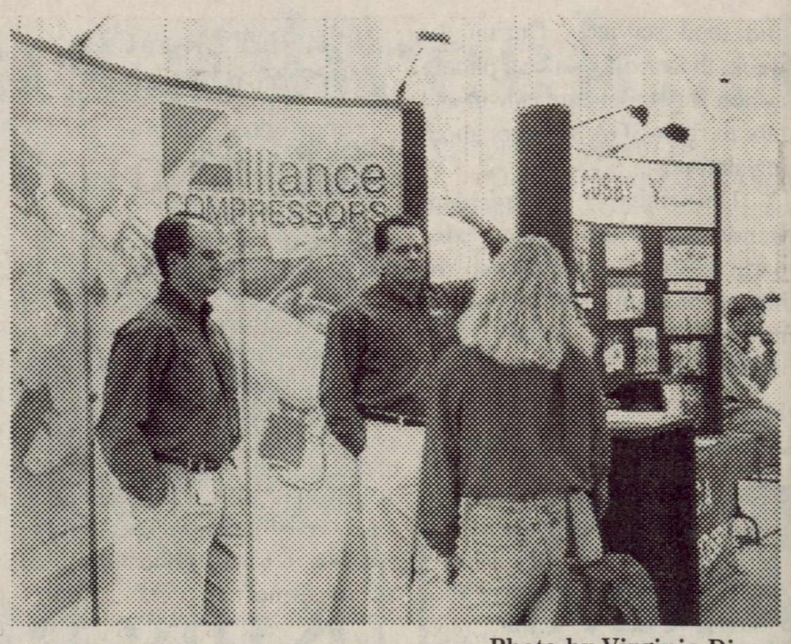
Lewinsky interview to air Wednesday

WASHINGTON (From wire reports) -- Barbara Walter's two-hour prime-time television interview with Monica Lewinsky will air Wednesday.

Insiders believe the Walters interview will show a Lewinsky who still remains fond of the president

Advertisers have paid about $35 million to buy commercial time on the ABC interview. Lewinsky won't receive any of that money, but she has already received a $600,000 advance from St. Martin's Press for her book, *Monica's Story*.

British celebrity biographer Andrew Morton, who wrote a best-selling biography of Princess Diana, has told several interviewers that Lewinsky sees parallels between herself and the late princess.



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Students spent Monday looking at various booths at the Summer Job Fair sponsored by the Office of Career Services and Counseling in the Student Union lobby.

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Senior Day used to attract students

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Spring Senior Day was once again a success for the Office of Admissions and Recruiting.

On Saturday, the Admissions and Recruiting Office invited all high school seniors to come and check out what the University has in store for them. Some seniors were eligible to take credit and placement tests.

Jana Lucky, director of Admissions and Recruiting, said the day is almost more important than fall Senior Day.

"It's almost a bigger deal because this is where we really reel them in," she said. "These seniors are very interested in Northwestern because they are taking the advanced placement tests and many are taking the credit connection tests."

Lucky also said that approximately 589 seniors attended spring senior day, an increase from last year's spring senior day.

The seniors had many options during the day. If they weren't scheduled to take a test, they were given the opportunity to attend a student panel, a financial aid session, or tour the campus during the three scheduled testing times.

The seniors also had an opportunity to visit with the various academic departments, in hopes of having questions answered about their prospective majors.

Many seniors expressed positive remarks about both senior day and the university.

"Senior day is a good idea," said Danielle Laird, a senior from Oakdale High School. "It lets us know and understand what is going on. It's hard coming from a different world and going into something we don't know anything about."

Laird also expressed her feelings toward the University.

"It's big, yet small," she commented. "It's got the one-on-one experience."

"I personally enjoy senior day," Albert Wileman, a senior from Rains High School, said. "I think it's extremely helpful to the upcoming freshman."

Recruiters are hoping the seniors who attended senior day will not need any more help with their college decision making.

Architectural firm chosen for Intramural Building

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

The architectural firm of Slack, Alost, Miremont and Associates was chosen Wednesday in Baton Rouge to remodel the Intramural Building.

The firm is located in Shreveport and was one of 14 firms to apply. Different firms had toured the campus, but only a few made it to the short list.

SGA President Luke Dowden is "pleased with it [the decision]," and likes the fact that the firm is only an hour away.

"I've seen their work," Dowden said. "I like their experience."

Slack, Alost, Miremont and Associates were responsible for the restoration and renovation of Immaculate Conception said Loran Lindsey, head of the Physical Plant.

There was much to be done before the architects could be chosen. A committee board had to put the issue of renovation on its agenda. From there it was advertised, and bids were taken.

While Slack, Alost, Miremont and Associates were chosen to work on the Intramural Building, the bid to work on the FACS building and Morrison Hall were given to another group.

"There's a lot of red tape involved," Dowden said.

While nothing is solid now, it is estimated that the actual work will take one to two years.

"Hopefully, we'll get under construction by next spring," Dowden said.

Lindsey said the planning period will be "finished by the end of this calendar year."

There are several phases in the planning period, comprised mainly of suggestions and approvals. The first phase is the program completion.

"It's defining what we want in the project," Lindsey said. "It's also refining what's going to happen."

If it is approved, then the second phase will begin. Phase two is the schematic design. A rough sketch is made, however, "nothing is concrete," according to Lindsey.

If that is approved, then the schematic design development will begin, which is phase three. Once that is approved, the construction documents will be written up, phase four. This is the phase in which the final plans are made.

This will be reviewed, and if accepted, the final stage will begin. The final phase is the bidding, where the total cost will be determined for the construction and renovation of the Intramural Building.

"There will be some inconvenience," Lindsey said. "There always is."

Campus Connections

Student Government Association: This week's meeting will be moved to 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sports please call 357-4501 or 357-1305

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:30 p.m.. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Purple Jackets: Serving as the official hostesses at the University since 1927, membership is open to students who meet the following qualifications: 3.0 GPA or higher, member of two chartered organizations at the University, officer in at least one of the above organizations, be a junior prior to fall 1999 semester and be a full-time student on the Natchitoches campus for at least two more semesters. Applications are available in room 100 of the Student Union and are due by March 8. For more information, call Camille Nunez at 354-8349.

Delta Sigma Theta: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Iota Mu Chapter will hold a Distinguished Gents Pageant on March 7 at 8 p.m. The pageant is open to male students that meet the following requirements: must be a male full-time student, must have a 2.0 GPA and must pay a $10 entry fee or sell $10 in raffle tickets. Cash and prizes will be awarded. The application deadline is March 1. An interest meeting will be held on Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cane River Room. For more information, call Gaynelle Stewart at 357-4235 or Natashe McPhearson at 352-3442.

Phi Mu: Phi Mu ladies, I hope you had a great time at Crush. Crush was a huge success. Here are just a few reminders for this week: pick up your candy bars at Tara Newman's; study hall is Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m.; if you are interested in tanning please contact Sara Parks and Founder's Day Recommitment Ceremony is Thursday. Finally, Committee Head of the Week is Cristi Lupo.

Numinous: Numinous is The Society for Nature-Based Spirituality. We are an organization for networking with others belonging to nature-based spiritualities and provide a forum for safe, open-minded discussion about all nature-based spiritualities. If interested, please e-mail at marshdragon@hotmail.com.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

Issues to be debated: (1) Were "gas chambers" used during WWII by Germans to kill millions of Jews as part of a program of "genocide?" (2) Did key "eyewitness" survivors give false testimony about "gas chambers?" (3) Is the *Diary of Anne Frank* an authentic personal diary or a "literary" concoction? (4) Is either the book or the movie *Schindler's List* true or an intentionally corrupt version of the facts? (5) Are Jewish organizations like the ADL and campus Hillel committed to the censorship of revisionist theory on the Jewish holocaust? (6) Should the ADL, campus Hillel and other mainline Jewish organizations respond with a "suspicious silence" when a sister organization encourages violence against revisionists? (7) Should a documentary film maker be made the target of violence by the Jewish Defense League (or any other "league"), as was David Cole, the Jewish writer and director of CODOH's video on Auschwitz, *David Cole Interviews Dr. Franciszek Piper* (called "The Video of the Century"), for exposing on film the fraud of the Auschwitz gas chamber?

Marcy Kaptur (D), U.S. Congresswoman, Ohio writes: "Mr. Cole has obviously invested a great deal in researching his subject and I admire his tenacious curiosity. Again, I thank you for sharing this documentary with myself and other Members of Congress." Yehuda Bauer, head of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Humanities (Jerusalem), writes: "A powerful, dangerous video...."

The Jewish Defense League writes (in a "Wanted" ad for Mr. Cole, on the Internet, which includes Cole's photograph): "An evil monster like this does not deserve to live.... We must get rid of this monster.... There needs to be ... the elimination of the Holocaust deniers. JDL wants to know the location of ... David Cole. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward."

The FBI has termed the JDL a "terrorist organization."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith refuses to publicly condemn the Jewish Defense League, for this language of hate. The reason is clear. The ADL, by proxy, is "using" this threat of violence against a Jewish scholar in its own struggle to help censor open debate on the Holocaust controversy. This betrays our First Amendment and runs contrary to Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Who benefits from such censorship? Americans?

Over the past decades there have been thousands--if not *tens of thousands*--of hours of one-sided Holocaust allegations broadcast to the American people. Is it not fair that those of us who are not anti-German bigots, who no longer believe the gas chamber stories but do believe in intellectual freedom, should be given 90 minutes--*only 90 minutes!*--to debate the Anti-Defamation League concerning the suppression and censorship of holocaust revisionism? (2.9/2)

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SGA forms new Student Life Committee

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association passed a bill last week to create a Student Life Committee, which will contain a number of previous committee but will be more student-oriented.

SGA Sen. Shawn Hornsby and David Gunn, SGA speaker of the Senate, both proposed the bill. Each had the idea for a student life committee after visiting Grambling State University.

The university had a similar committee called the Judicial Committee. The council, as proposed by the NSU SGA, will include several other previous committee's such as the Traffic and Appeals, Parking, Financial Affairs, and Academic Affairs.

Because these committee's are usually viewed as having negative connotations, Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of Student Affairs, decided to put a more positive spin on the committee, naming it the Student Life Committee.

The group will be comprised of a variety of faculty, staff, student leaders and students. According to Luke Dowden, SGA president, the main focus of the Student Life Committee is to "create an open dialogue" between students and the administration.

"This committee will be a more positive group overall," Dowden said. "It will deal with problems trickling from up or down."

Dowden continued that he strongly supports the addition of the committee.

"I think the concept is great," Dowden commented. "It will consolidate all of these other committee's, which are viewed negatively, into a larger committee that will be better viewed by students."

Dowden also said that the final structure of the committee will be left up to Seymour.

Other SGA members agree that this committee is past due on campus.

"This will really be beneficial to NSU," Earl Gates, senator-at-large, said. "By involving a variety of people, it educates everyone about the different processes at NSU.

"It's hard for committee's to get participation because of a negative opinion that has been formed like the Traffic and Appeals Committee," Gates continued. "Now, everyone can see the good and bad of all committees in a better organized committee."

Got a nose for news? If so, give us a call at 357-5456 or stop by room 225 in Kyser Hall

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education. SGA "In your face" day will be held on March 10. All universities will take this day to address the main issues facing the campuses.

A few of the University's "hot topics" will include the following: the new intramural building, financial aid, housing and food service. During the week, there will also be a phone-a-thon for students to call-in and talk to their SGA senators about legislation.

University President Randall Webb is also participating in the quest for higher education by setting up meeting times with local legislators.

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represented. themselves and Northwestern State University in an extremely positive manner as athletes, student, and citizens."

Barnett was a highly recognized coach at Virginia Commonwealth from 1979-85 and at Tulsa from 1986-91. He also was head coach at Louisiana Tech in 1977-79, and at Lenoir Rhyne in 1970-71 and High Point College in 1971-72.

Several coaches served under Barnett's wing. Tubby Smith lead the University of Kentucky to a 1998 NCAA title last year.

Barnett said he would not comment on his departure.

He could not be reached for comment as of late Monday.

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Opinions

Give us a break...Please

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

Quite a few years ago, a man invented an extraordinary contraption called the telephone. This device, which most of us are at least partially familiar, has revolutionized the communication world. Or has it?

I often wonder if certain offices around campus have been introduced to this wonderful device. Over the past three years, I have been absolutely amazed by the lack of communication between offices on this campus.

Here's an example for all of my readers. Last semester, I received a "Bill of Notice" from the accounting office. The notice stated that my current balance was over $700, but I did not owe anything.

I caught myself scratching my head in utter confusion when I read the bill. How can I have a balance of $700 but not owe anything? Not that I was complaining, but, in fear of an audit when I'm 40, I decided to call the accounting office.

They informed me that the stated balance was due to my TOPS, which had not been received by the accounting office. Okay, this is where my state of confusion turned to complete bewilderment.

The bill showed that I was a recipient of TOPS, but because the accounting office is not willing to make a simple phone call to see if I am really qualified, I have a balance of $700. Does this strike anyone else as odd?

I know that this is probably a minor complaint compared to some of the students around here. But, this lack of communication seems to be spreading like some sort of disease across campus.

How many students have tried to get in touch with the financial aid office only to hear a steadily droning busy signal time and time again? A friend of mine went to the financial aid office and asked to see their telephone just to make sure that one actually existed. He said that, although one does exist (really!), the phone seemed like it hadn't been in too much contact with the cradle.

On a more positive note, I would like to commend the scholarship office. The rest of the offices on campus could learn a thing or two from these guys. Even if you don't receive a scholarship, I recommend that everyone go by the scholarship office so you can see that in at least one place, the students do come first.

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

Possibly the most repeated theme in this weekly column (besides typos and general vocabulary tomfoolery) is that the more we learn the less we know. This is a humorous realization when you think about the amount of people with doctorates on campus.

Be that as it may, I came to another stupefying realization early last week. In case you did not notice, the city of Natchitoches proved Einstein's theory of relativity.

No scientific experiments were held, no groups were labeled "control 1," and the most humorous part (to a proud capitalist surrounded by a large number of would-be communists a.k.a. liberal arts freshman) is that the whole thing was centered around commerce.

If you have not guessed what I am talking about yet, please allow me to illustrate it via the written word. Close your eyes (well, one of them and continue to read with the other) and imagine...

Imagine a group of people ranging from doctors to vinyl siding technicians...from all ages...and most importantly all areas. Some of these people have never stepped out of Natchitoches, and others are from large metropolitan areas.

They are all gathered within four of the most anticipated walls around this area. For some, this is the first experience they have ever had in such a place. For others, it is nowhere near the level to which they were once accustomed. For all, it is a breath of fresh air.

As you walk through this new haven, you notice that the entire range of people have the same looks on their face-that of anticipation mixed with exuberance that can only be equated to the same expression made by a person first ordering from a fast food menu....mouth open (drool optional), eyes wide and careful not to miss a thing.

In every section of this place you see at least three people you know, and they all have the same thing to say, "Yeah for Albertson's!!!"

I came to this realization of relativity as I first stepped foot into the walk-in beer cooler at this store and, for a brief second, felt as though Disney World had nothing on this place.

Everything is relative!

I had to keep reminding myself that it is just another grocery store.....but, perhaps it is not. Think about it.....

The theory of relativity was thought up by Dr. Einstein. His first name was Albert, hence Albertson's...coincidence? Yeah, probably, but I like to ride things out as far as humanly possible.

Columnist calls us to higher standard

Shawntell Lewis
Sauce Columnist

While listening to the words of John P. Kee's, *I Shall See Him*, I began to envision myself beholding the face of the Lamb that was slain for you and I.

It is a beautiful song that shares the very essence of our existence. The words of the song ministered just to me about the power, the love, and the joy that's found only in the presence of the Lord, not in being involved in a meaningless relationship or even being popular across campus, but only in the presence of the Redeemer.

I am encouraged to run on and see what the end is going to be. As we, college students, face life's daily challenges, there may be moments when we just don't feel like going forth. I know!

I have been in that same situation but the key is not to stay depressed and oppressed. I must! I shall! I will survive! I press!

Let's talk about pressing our way. Pressing is to act upon or exert steady pressure or force. What are you pressing against?

For some it may be poverty, racism, academic probation, drug abuse, low self-esteem, fear, anxiety, stress, or loneliness. While pressing against your current dilemma, my friends press toward Jesus!

I'm reminded of the writings of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethern, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

What Paul is saying is that he does not know it all, but he is in hot pursuit of knowing more and more about the works of the Lord. He forgets old things and is reaching forward and standing on the promises of God.

We've got to press our way! When you feel no one loves you, press. When you can't see a way out, press. When your grades are low, press. When you don't understand why God is allowing things to go wrong in your life, press your way. Hold on and never give up on God.

I don't believe He has brought us this far to leave us.

Johnny Davis, pastor at Agape Love Center, said he had a vision of a hungry soul reaching out to get closer to God. In response to them reaching out to God, the Lord stretched His hand toward them and began drawing them closer to Him.

If we wholeheartedly press toward Jesus Christ we would recognize that He rewards those that diligently seek Him.

Look to the Author and Finisher of your Faith for all of life's inevitable challenges. Not anyone else but Him. He knows what is best for us and is waiting patiently for us to let go and let Him come into our lives.

Northwestern students, faculty, and staff let's press toward Jesus!

Opinion Editor's top ten

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

I have taken it upon myself to compile a list of the top 10 most unappreciated people around the campus.

10. The pizza guy who works Monday nights

This needs no explanation.

9. Critics

Those people who are constructively critical of everything and everybody, including those who are critical of myself.

8. Local Musicians/Artists

What separates Hanson from the guys down the street? Obviously, it must be talent. The guys down the street have talent, while Hanson does not. They make up for that with lots of luck.

7. Administrators Who Do Their Job

6. Non-Greeks

If you prick us, do we not bleed? Please, keep this in mind the next time that you block vote.

5. The 1998-99 Lady Demon Basketball Team

There were more fans at my IM basketball games.

4. Scholar Athletes

Don't forget this is a university.

3. Police Officers

I must admit that I cringe every time that I turn a corner to find a police officer with a radar gun. Honestly, when you find yourself in a life threatening situation, who are you going to call? Not the Ghostbusters.

2. University Professors

Just look at how much they get paid.

And finally...

1. We, the students of this university.

Letter to the Editor

I read with complete agreement the column written by Ms. Robertson.

Be assured, Ms. Robertson, that you are not a dying breed, as I too expect to LEARN something after taking a course. In fact, I cannot see how any student that pays to go to school to get an education can expect anything less. Otherwise, the purpose of going to school has been defeated.

I am not sure what teacher(s) you have had a problem with, but it is a pretty good shot that you will not be the last student to have problems with that instructor.

I too do not expect my teachers to be Nobel Prize winners, but I do expect them to possess the ability to teach me, rather than talk at me. I feel that it is the professor's responsibility to know his or her topic in-depth and be able to answer any questions we, as students, may have.

When a professor stands in front of the class and makes the comment, "I do not know how to use the calculator, it is your responsibility to find out how," it makes me feel as though I am wasting my time. And nine times out of 10, I am correct.

I am a business major, and believe me, there are many business courses that require you to be given the proper instruction in order to successfully complete the course. I can tell you from experience, there are many students having to take a certain course two or three times before they pass. This is not because the course is hard, it is because the professors do not teach the subject.

Of course, their idea of teaching and my idea of teaching may differ, but when students are taking a class for the third or fourth time, it seems that the problem does not solely fall on the shoulders of the student. Please tell me why the administration does not notice this?

Professors, regardless of how you evaluate student progress in your class, be it through scantron examinations, essay tests or oral examinations, you need to realize that students, in general, are not lazy.

For many of us, the ability that is put forth on these tests matches, if not exceeds, the ability that you as an instructor put out in teaching it to us.

I was always told by one of my high school teachers, "If a student fails to learn, a teacher fails to teach." I think that about sums it up.

Oh, one more thing. The point that you made about "recess time in junior high class" was a good point, but it did not fully emphasize the immaturity of a majority of the Northwestern campus. Rather, I think the statement, "like preschoolers at playtime," it better describes these individuals.

Geoffrey Ellis
Senior, Business Administration

Being a senior, I have had my share of "teachers" that feel that students are here only to absorb the vast amounts of knowledge that they possess.

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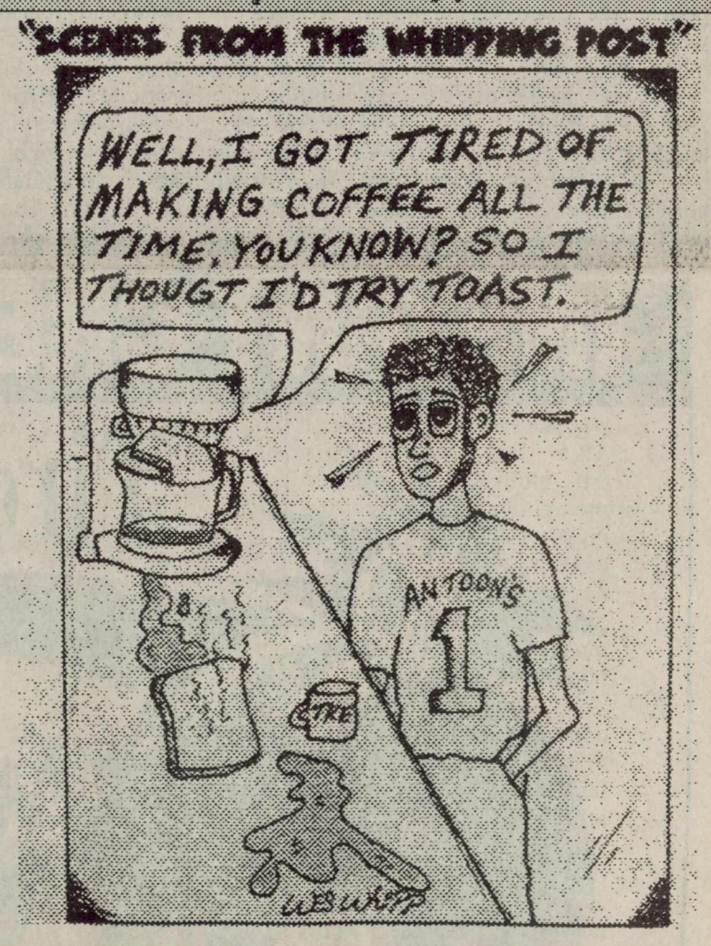

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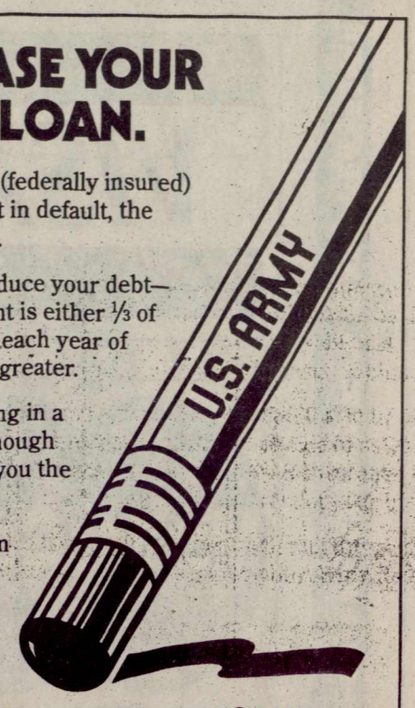

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Lang's *Metropolis* full of symbolism

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

After Germany was defeated in World War I and humiliated by the terms of the Treaty of Versailles the state found itself in political and social unrest. Germany was in a state of crisis. Rebellious and revolutionary activity erupted in parts of the country. The Bolshevik revolution in Russia threatened to cross Germany's borders and National Socialism loomed over the state. More over the gap between the rich and poor was ever increasing. In the midst of growing industrialization, and bourgeois power German laborers feared becoming (as Karl Marx called it) "an appendage of the machine". In other words they feared the dehumanization synonymous with factory work, which was evidently the case in America and England. Workers were treated as just another number.

German cinema reflected those anxieties.

One of the most celebrated films of this persuasion was *Metropolis*, directed by the renowned Fritz Lang. Released in 1927 *Metropolis* was the first German science fiction film. Thea von Harbou, an avid political activist and Lang's wife wrote the script. The movie included both religious and political themes. Lang intended for the film to focus on the occult or mysticism vs. science. In contrast, Thea desired to stress "sentimental moralism". Her vision dominated the way in which the public received the movie.

Metropolis opens with scenes of faceless, "drone-like" workers, marching in unison to The Machine. There, workers "mechanically" pull levers and push buttons, without expression, without display of emotion. Their work means nothing to them. The laborers live below the city in the belly of The Machine. If The Machine is destroyed then the worker's homes are destroyed, emphasizing they are bound to labor with their life. Above the worker's homes is Metropolis.

There, the rich and elite reside in paradise. The storyline begins when Freder, the son of the master of Metropolis, falls in love with Maria, the daughter of a worker and the worker's spiritual leader. Freder travels down to the world of the workers and is horrified by the injustices he sees.

Maria discourages the workers from revolting assuring them that a savior will come. (This is an allusion to the Nazi belief that a "Messiah" would restore Germany, a belief that von Harbou fervently supported). Freder's father captures Maria. Enslaved in the lab of Rotwang, the city's corrupt scientist, Maria is subjected to one of his vile experiments. Rotwang makes a robot clone of Maria. Maria's evil clone stirs the workers in rebellion and they destroy The Machine, not knowing that their homes would be destroyed in the process. Freder rescues Maria and they save the worker's children, abandoned in their homes as their parents lead a revolt above in Metropolis. The "Robot" is burned at the stake as a witch and Rotwang is killed. The master of Metropolis realizes the errors of his ways and unites with the workers.

Metropolis' communist theme is not fully developed, because the worker's revolution fails. Instead it is von Harbou's "sentimental moralism", the uniting of the worker's (the hands) and the executives (the head) by the love of Freder and Maria (the heart), that is realized.

Lang left Germany in the 1930's to escape growing pressure from the Third Reich. Von Harbou stayed in Germany and became an official screenwriter for the Nazi party.

The original prints of *Metropolis* no longer exist, but there are restored versions of the movie in circulation. One version of *Metropolis* is available at Imagination Video. Metropolis was also arranged into a musical, performed in 1989.

This movie is an astounding work of art both visually and intellectually. It is worth seeing no matter what one's political affiliation maybe.

200 Cigarettes funny, hip and entertaining

Raechal Leone
Staff Reporter

Many people (the older generation) will probably say that *200 Cigarettes* is about a bunch of horny teenagers and twenty-somethings who will do just about anything to have sex on New Year's Eve. And while the movie is about that, some people (the younger generation) will see the film as a whole lot more.

If you are willing to look, *200 Cigarettes* is also about learning to recognize when love is worth pursuing (and when it is not), using sex as a weapon, and, most importantly, realizing that sex does not always constitute love.

The film opens with men and women all over New York City aiming to accomplish two things on New Year's Eve 1981: to party and to have sex, although not necessarily in that order.

The cast of assorted characters include two bickering friends (Paul Rudd and Courtney Love) who cannot decide whether to slap or kiss each other, a neurotic ex-girlfriend (Jeneane Garofolo) determined to ruin her ex-lovers' night, a pair of whiny teenagers (Gabby Hoffman and Christina Ricci) who end up finding a whole lot more than a party, and a promiscuous actor (Jay Mohr) on a date with a clumsy woman he had a one-night stand with the previous night. Rudd and Love deliver the stand out performances and have a chemistry that makes it believable that they have been close friends for five years.

Also en route to the party are two women convinced that going home alone will make them invisible to men for all of 1982; the man who cannot keep a lover and never gets straight answers why; and the cute bartender who drops more drinks than he serves. There is also a party hostess who is using the party to gauge her popularity, an enlightened cab driver and an unnamed celebrity that makes a surprise appearance at the party.

With such a long list of characters, the movie jumps around constantly, but is never confusing or annoying. Each character's experience teaches him or her a subtle lesson, and the audience can decide for themselves whether to look for it or not.

200 Cigarettes is funny and hip (as much as it can be in 1981), has a cheesy pop soundtrack and stars the gorgeous Ben Affleck and Indie queen Ricci; what more could a college student ask for?

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Behind the scenes of 'News 22'

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Almost every weekday at 3:30 p.m., News 22 is broadcast, but just what happens during the day that puts is all together?

Last Friday, the producers for the broadcast were Michael Liberto and Rachael Kidd. The producers help put the finishing touches on it. The anchors for last Friday were Rachael Kidd and Joe Rawley.

Main anchors do the national news, while co-anchors do state, local and University news. The stories for the broadcast must be turned in by 1:15 p.m. everyday. Many of the crew members start writing sores as early as 8 am each morning. There must be at least 12-15 stories for each broadcast.

For some students, doing the news is like having a class. Some classes turn in video stories that get aired that day. These students produce the video packages completely on their own--that means they act as the reporter, videographer, and editor for each package.

The director of the broadcast tells the anchors which camera to look at while the technical director pushes the buttons to make things run smoothly.

"Everyone at News 22 is in this for the experience," said Joe Rawley, an anchor for News 22. "I do a lot of producing and anchoring. I've also done the weather and sports as well as been a floor manager and running the audio."

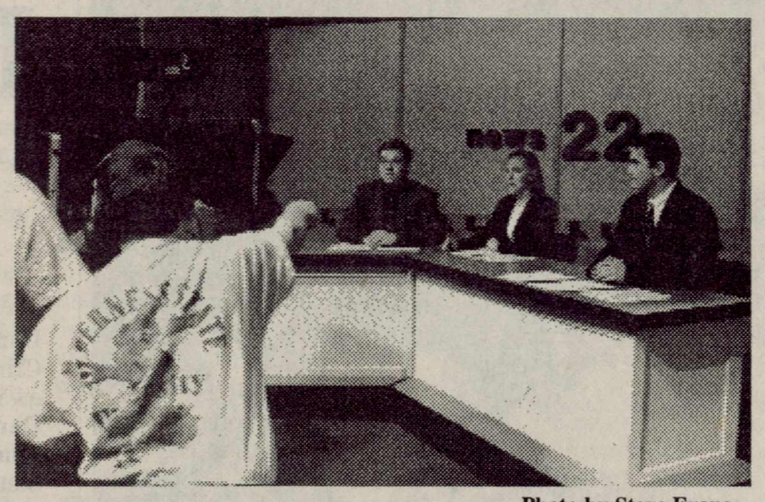
Photo By Steve Evans

Students control all aspects of the news cast, both in front of and behind the camera.

Those who do not wish to be on the air can work behind the scenes. Of the stories done, most of them make it on the air. News 22's philosophy on stories is "too much is just enough".

The stories that are of a light nature run at the end of the newscast. It is estimated that about 30 stories are done per newscast. The stories can be state and national news combined.

"I was previously at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City majoring in Telecommunications and I was somewhat in charge of helping with the news there," said Michael Phillips, another anchor for News 22. "I enjoy being at Northwestern and learn more and more."



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Jeff Montegut, Stephanie Danby, and Micheal Liberto go on air as Micheal Phillips works the camera.

Although "News 22" is mostly student run, some members of ther Journalism faculty and staff are involved.

Sherlynn Byrd, the director of NSU 22, and David Antilley both play an active role in producing the news cast.

"David does a lot of the technical details, and Ms. Byrd helps us with packages and writing the stories," Rondray Hill, sports anchor, said.

Date rape drugs becoming common

Dana Gonzales
Staff Reporter

It is called Roofies, Forget Pills, Mexican Valium, Lunch Money. It causes loss of inhibition, extreme sleepiness, relaxation and amnesia. It may also cause difficulty breathing, coma and death. Unfortunately it is the drug of choice for sexual assaults on campuses across the United States.

The drug, flunitrazepam, is sold under the trade name Rohypnol. The Drug Enforcement Agency has recently placed the drug in the came category as heroin and LSD. The drug's make-up is similar to Valium but it is 10 times more potent.

Rohypnol is most often slipped into drinks at parties or clubs. Alcohol increases the drug's effect but the drug does not have to be used with alcohol. Men or women who have been drugged often appear to be intoxicated and are taken home by attackers who appear to be coming to their aid. Many victims have no idea that they have been raped or doubt their suspicions.

The drug acts within 10 to 20 minutes but its strongest effects occur within 1 to 2 hours. The sedative effect of the drug may last up to 8 hours after a two-milligram dose.

There have been so many assaults linked to the drug that the manufacturer, Hoffmann-LaRoche, now provides colleges with urine test kits to detect it. The company has also established a toll-free number to provide information on Rohypnol and instructions for drug testing. The number is 1-800-720-1076 but testing kits are only provided to rape crisis centers, emergency rooms, and law enforcement investigators.

Contrary to most students' perceptions, this is not a drug that is only a problem in big cities. In January, 16,600 capsules of Rohypnol were seized by Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint near Kingsville, Texas.

As frightening as Rohypnol is, it is not the only drug threat on campuses today. Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate is another drug used in sexual assaults that is sweeping across the nation. GHB, also known as liquid X, Ecstasy, Georgia Home Boy, and Easy Lay is a clear liquid or white crystalline powder.

The drug can cause dizziness, loss of memory, seizures, unconsciousness and coma. It works by depressing the central nervous system. When it is used with other drugs or alcohol, it can be life threatening or fatal. A seventeen-year-old girl in Houston died recently after ingesting a soft drink laced with GHB.

The effects of GHB begin 15 to 20 minutes after ingestion and may last for several hours.

Testing exists to detect both drugs but they must be conducted promptly. Rohypnol can be detected up to 60 hours after ingestion. GHB leaves the system more quickly and it is important for suspected victims not to go to the bathroom after realizing that they may have been drugged.

One of the biggest problems associated with date rape drugs is the tendency for witnesses, law enforcement, and even victims to attribute the assault to poor judgment caused by having too much to drink. This makes drugged sexual assault an almost perfect crime because the victim is unsure of many or all crucial details.

In most states, possession of either drug carries a three-year jail sentence and a fine. Personal use of the drug or drugging someone else carries a 20-year jail sentence and a fine. However, an herbal version of GHB is being marketed as a sleep aid at nutrition stores and can be purchased over the counter. This added risk factor increased the likelihood of future assaults.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Rohypnol is often found in blister packets marked "Roche" with an encircled "1" or "2" underneath.
GHB is a clear liquid or white crystalline powder.
If you see either drug, call the police. Both drugs are illegal in the United States.
Do not leave any beverage unattended and do not accept any opened drink from anyone you do not know well and trust implicitly. Most rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.
At a bar or club, accept drinks only from the bartender or wait staff.
Do not drink from a punch bowl.
Rohypnol may have a bitter taste when added to a beverage.
GHB has a salty taste.
Be alert to the behavior of friends. Anyone appearing too drunk for the amount of alcohol consumed may be in danger.
Anyone who believes they have consumed a sedative-like substance should be driven to a hospital emergency room or should call 911 for an ambulance. Try to keep a sample of the beverage for analysis.
If you see someone put anything into a drink, confront him or her loudly but not alone.
Use the buddy system when partying. Go to clubs or parties in groups of two or more and stick together.
Bring your own drinks to parties.
Be aware of your surroundings.
Students are especially vulnerable when traveling to other parts of the country for spring break.
Listen to conversations around you. Rohypnol is also known as Rib Roche, Ruffies, La Rocha, Rope and R-2.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

Go to a safe place.
Call someone you trust for support.
Help preserve evidence. Don't change anything about the scene where the assault occurred.
Don't wash any part of your body, comb your hair or change clothes.
Get medical attention as soon as possible. A medical examination is important to detect injury and fro possible protection against a sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy.
Think about reporting the assault to the police. Telling the police does not mean that you have to press charges.
If you do want to prosecute, it is essential to have a rape exam at a hospital emergency room soon after the assault. To increase your options late0r, this exam is recommended, even if you are unsure about prosecution.
Following a sexual assault, you may feel shock, embarrassment, shame, guilt, disbelief, anger or nothing at all. Your reaction is normal.

"Current Quotes"

"What did you give up for Lent and are you following through with it?"

"I am fasting on Mondays and Fridays and I am also giving up chocolate and red meat. My friends are supporting me which helps.

Beth Coutee
Freshman

"I am abstaining from meat on Fridays and I have also quit smoking. I do this by prayer."

John Huffstetler
Junior

"I have given up candy. When ever I crave candy I substitute fruit for it.."

Melissa Robertson
Senior

"I am not Catholic or Episcopalian but I am giving up cokes and sweets because they are my weakness. It is very hard but I am dedicated to things that I start."

Felicie Smith
Graduate Student

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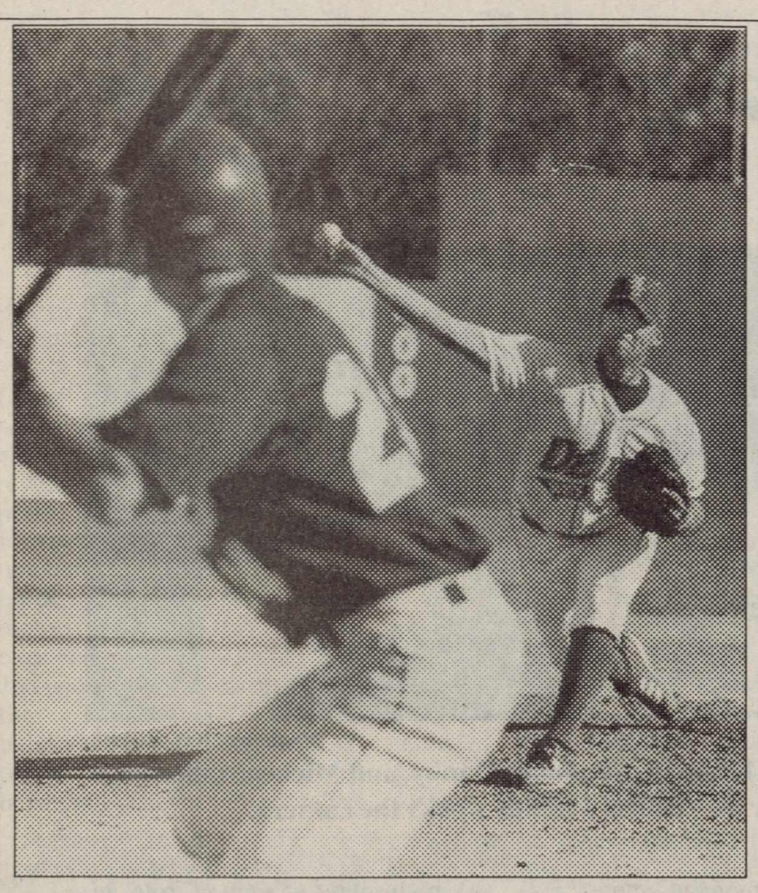

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Adrian Luna attempts to strike a batter out from the side in the Demon's victory over LSU-S.

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Funches, Loggins and Daniel take top honors

Sports Information

Senior linemen Robert Daniel, Michael Funches and Clint Loggins won the top awards Friday night at the annual Demon Football Banquet saluting the 1998 Northwestern State team that won a second straight conference title and reached the national Division I-AA playoff semifinals.

Daniel, who overcame reconstructive knee surgery to earn All-American awards at defensive end, was elected permanent defensive captain by his teammates. Funches, an honorable mention All-American offensive tackle, was voted offensive captain. They received the prestigious Joe Delaney Memorial Leadership Awards.

Loggins, a senior nose tackle and a three-year starter, was the coaching staff's choice to receive the Lester Latino Memorial Award presented to the team's most unselfish and hardest working player.

The Demon players voted senior All-America ncornerback Jermaine Jones as the Defensive Most Valuable Player. Junior quarterback Brad Spangler, who came off the bench in the middle of the eighth game of the year and led NSU to five straight wins, was his teammates' pick as the Offensive MVP.

Junior cornerback Mike Stone was the only double winner, taking the Special Teams Award and earning the Kirt Straughter Memorial Award for winning the Trident Tests, a series of preseason strength, speed, conditioning and agility exams.

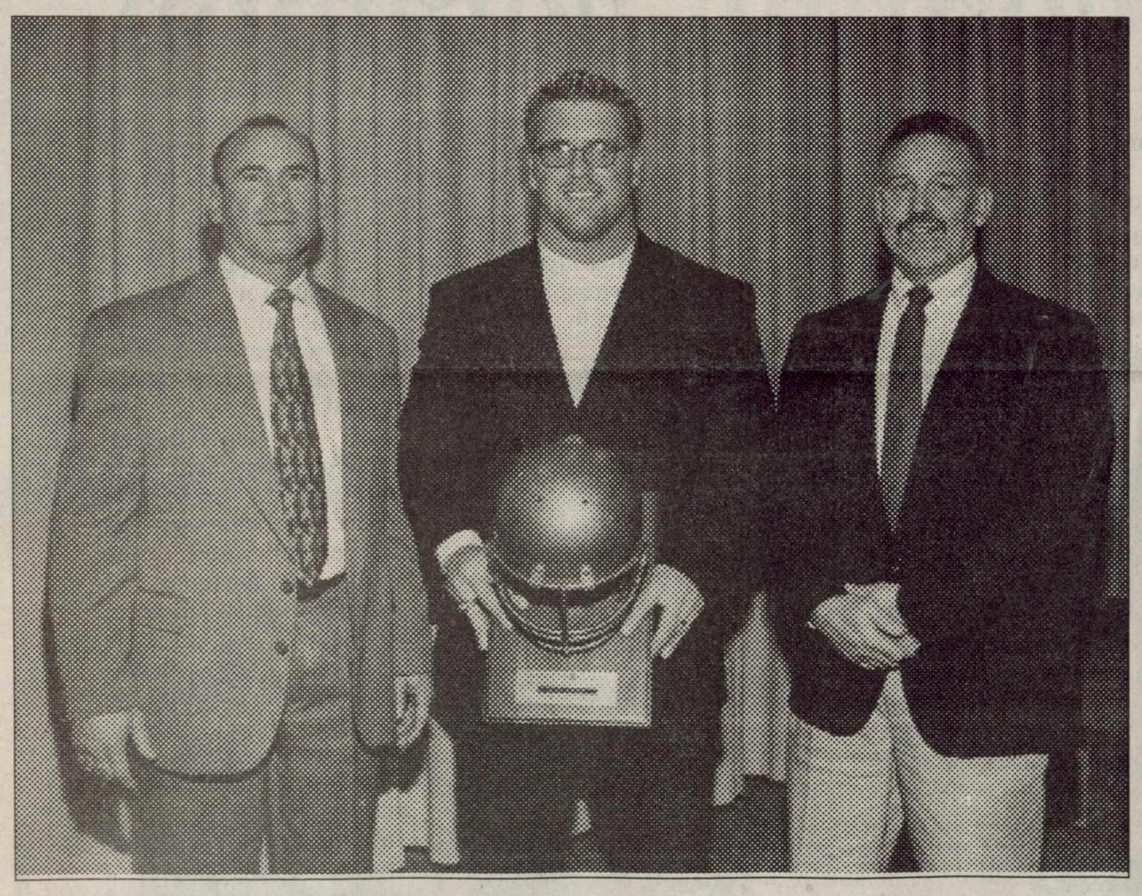
Senior linebacker Matt Slate received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Player of the Year Award. Senior redshirt quarterback Bo Meeks earned the team's Academic Award.

Redshirt freshman linebacker Myron Harris won the Scout Team MVP honor from the coaching staff.

Last year's Demon squad finished with an 11-3 record, equalling the most victories in school history. Nineteen school records were tied or broken as Northwestern became the first Southland Football League member in 12 seasons, since Arkansas State in 1985-86, to successfully defend the conference championship.

Sam Goodwin was one of five finalists for the national I-AA Coach of the Year award. Demon players Jones, Daniel, Funches, William Broussard and Michael Green all earned All-America recognition, giving Northwestern more such honors in 1998 than at any other time in school history.

Jones, Daniel and cornerback Kenny Wright recently participated in the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. Jones was the top individual performer in eight of 10 different physical categories, including 40-yard-dash time (4.46) and vertical leap (38 inches) among all cornerbacks who participated.



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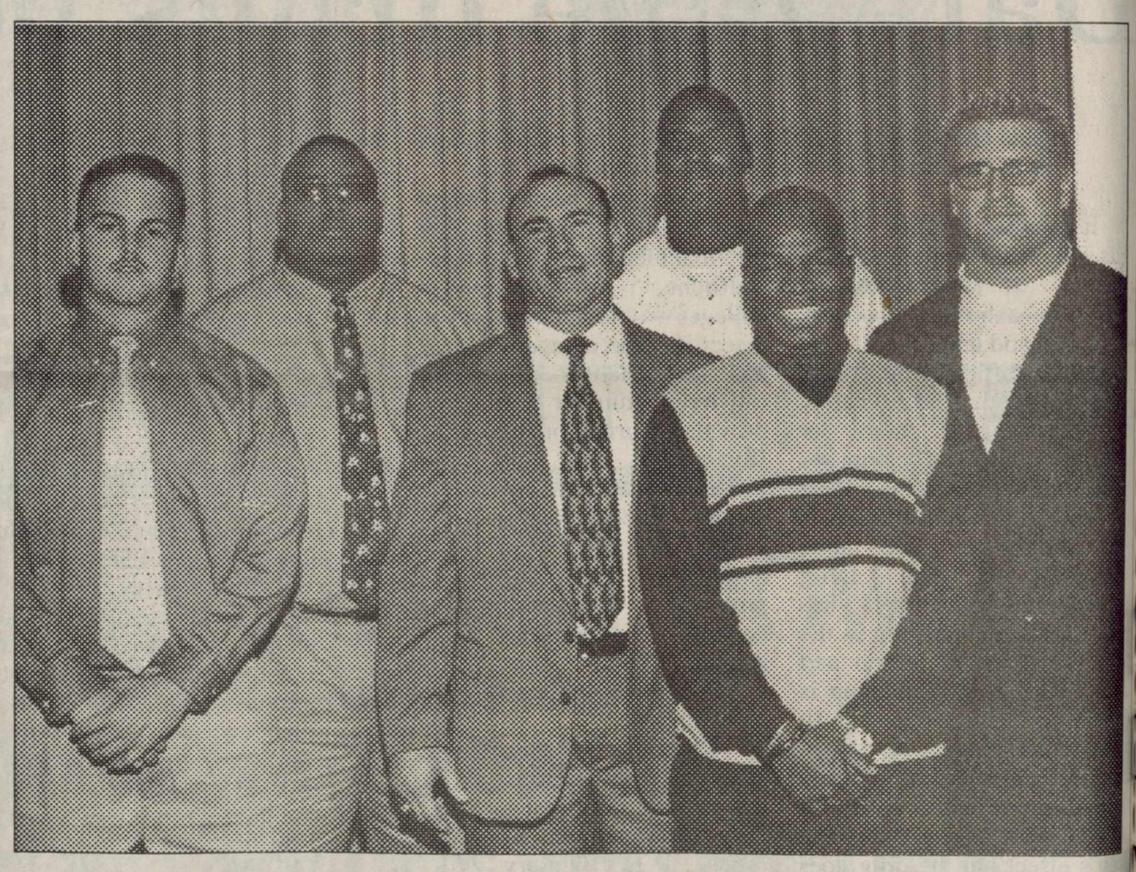
Former nose tackle Clint Loggins earned the Lester Latino Award, presented to the team's most unselfish and hard working player.



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The following Demons earned honors at the 1999 Demon Football Banquet: quarterback Brad Spangler, offensive tackle Michael Funches, defensive lineman Robert Daniel, cornerback Jermaine Jones and nose tackle Clint Loggins

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Clark highlights conference honors

Sports Information

Junior guard Judy Clark has been voted Player of the Year in the Southland Conference by the league's women's basketball coaches after leading the Lady Demons to their second title in five seasons.

The SLC office announced the 10-woman all-conference team Sunday.

Clark topped the first team, with Lady Demon teammates Louise Chase and Kia Converse on the second team.

With three of the top 10 players, Northwestern (21-5) led all SLC schools. Second-place Stephen F. Austin had two selections, first-team pick Anitra Davis and second-team choice Shanta Johnson.

Northwestern . graduate Louise "Do" Bonin of Nicholls State was voted the SLC Coach of the Year award after guiding the Lady Colonels to 11 league wins, one more than they managed in the last six seasons combined.

Junior guard Jennifer Boniol of Texas-Arlington was Newcomer of the Year and Heidi Broussard of Nicholls State won Freshman of the Year honors.

Clark, the 1996 Louisiana prep "Miss Basketball" and the No. 2 all-time scorer in national high school history, gives Northwestern its third Player of the Year award in five years. Joskeen Garner took the honor in the 1995 and 1996 seasons.

Clark averaged 15.9 points per game, fourth in the league, and was second in assists with a 5.6 average.

She helped the Lady Demons win the regular-season title with three games remaining by hitting 46 percent of her shots, including 37.4 percent from 3-point range.

The 5-6 point guard had three separate 31-point outings this season in league play and averaged 18.7 points in conference competition.

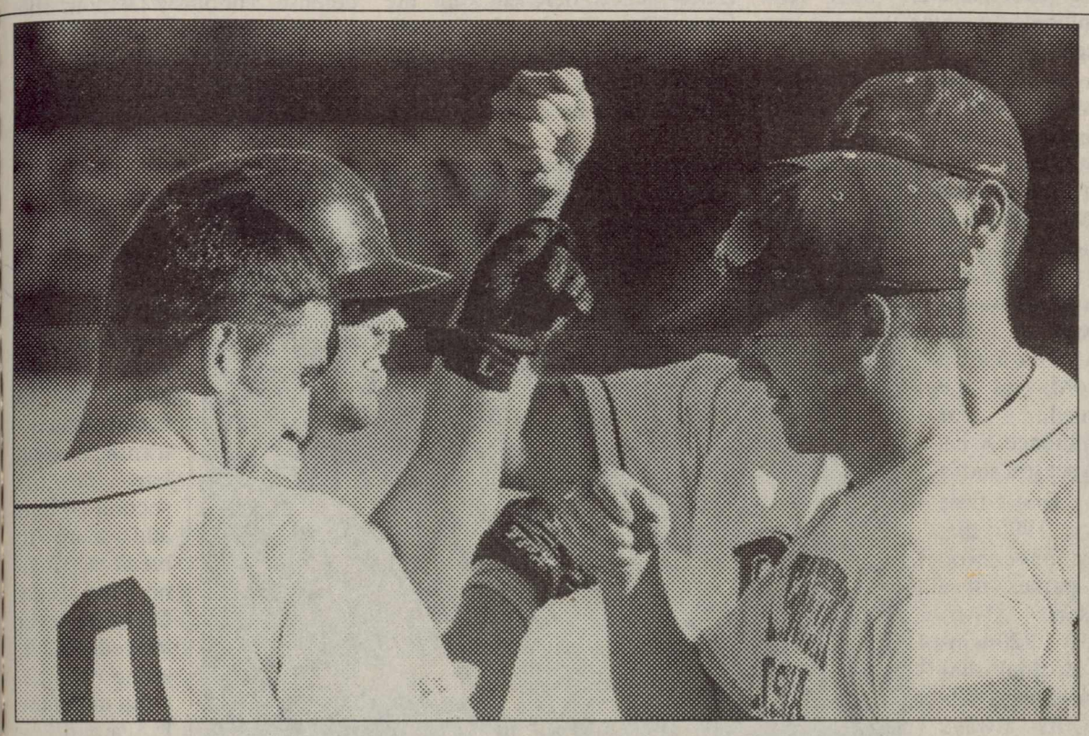
Chase, a 5-10 senior forward, averaged 14 points and 6.4 rebounds. She scored 20 second-half points Saturday night to lead a comeback 66-57 win at Lamar.

Converse, a 5-8 junior guard, averaged 13.5 points and 7.4 rebounds. She had 19 points Saturday at Lamar.

The Lady Demons earned a first-round bye in the CenturyTel Southland Conference Classic by virtue of capturing the regular-season championship.

They will play a semifinal round game Thursday night at 8 at the Gold Dome in Shreveport against the winner of a Wednesday afternoon game between No. 4-seeded Northeast Louisiana and No. 5 Nicholls State.

The tournament championship game, which rewards its winner with an NCAA Tournament invitation, is Saturday afternoon at 1 in the Gold Dome.



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Tom Batson celebrates with his teammates after hitting a home run against LSU-S. The Demons won 10-2, throwing eight pitchers per team.

Lamar edges NSU in 10th inning squeaker

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Shortstop Jimmy Smith slammed a solo bomb in the bottom of the tenth inning to best the Northwestern State Demons 3-2.

Smith's fourth dinger on the year aided in the Cardinals in killing a last minute rally by The Demons.

Lamar opening th game as second baseman David Geisbush slammed a home run over the center field wall,

The Demons broke through in the bottom of the eighth inning. Designated hitter Demthdian Tate started the inning with a double to left field.

Though only the fourth hit of the game, starting pitcher Joe Segrent was brought from the mound and Ryan Fitzgerald stepped up. NSU replied by send Lee McLeon to pinch run for Tate.

Shortstop Ryan Anholt then hit a routine ground ball. to first baseman George Johnson. Johnson decided to stop McLeon from reaching home. Mcleon beat the tag putting the Demons on the scoreboard 1-0.

Northwestern State took the lead 2-0 with an RBI single by second baseman Josh Hoffpauir, to score Tom Batson to reached on a walk.

Lamar tied the game at 2-2 with an RBI single by Todd Myers which brought Lee Fincher from third.

Demon pitcher Harvey, through McIntyre allowed only four hits in eight innings.

Jason Slanina (1-1) picked up the loss allowing the solo shot by Smith in two innings of work.

Wes Hale (1-0) earned the win, giving up onw hit and one-third innings.

The Demons will travel to Baton Rouge for a nine-inning match-up with the periennial powerhouse and in-state rival LSU Tigers at Alex Box Stadium. Opening pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Tulane drop Lady Demon with world ranked player

Sports Information

A day after whipping Centenary 9-0, Northwestern State felt deja vu, losing by the same score to the Tulane Green Wave at Jack Fisher Complex.

The Green Wave, with world ranked Anna Monhantoba leading their lineup, did not lose a set in singles play and recorded three convincing doubles triumphs while dropping the Lady Demons to 2-5.

Monhantoba handled NSU No. 1 player Marta Zivanov 6-3, 6-2 while Joyce Beryman of Tulane beat BRandi Matthews 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot.\

"Tulane has really strengthened their lineup. Their No. 2 from last year is now playing No. 5," Lady Demon head tennis coach Willie Paz said. "We played very well Saturday against Centenary, but today we made a big step up in the level of competition."

Northwestern opens Southland Conference play in it next outing, hitting the road to play Saturday at Texas-San Antonio and Sunday at Southwest Texas State.

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Starting pitcher Cindy Leggett shuts out Centenary last Thursday in a 10-1 victory.

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Student Athlete of the Week

Kenta Bell
Men's Track

The junior triple jumper headed with former Demon phenom LaMark Carter to the USA Indoor Championships. A Kilgore, Tex. native, won NCAA Indoor All-America Honors last year and will compete for the Dmeons this spring.

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Student Athlete of the Week

Dasha Thompson
Women's Track

The Junior sprinter, who swept the 60 meter dash and 200 meter dash, earned the "Outstanding Running Event Athlete" honor from the SLC. Thompson helped the Lady Demons to their highest score ever in the Southland (91).

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Softball topples Centenary but loses light against La. Tech

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

A new regular season attendance record was broke on Feb. 24 during the Northwestern State softball team's first game under the new lights at the softball field when 442 people came out to support the Demons who lost 1-0 to Louisiana Tech.

Amber Welker allowed only five hits in the game but came up the loser as Louisiana Tech went on to score on a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Northwestern came back against Centenary the following day in a double header that the Demons swept.

In game one the Demons scored 10 runs to beat the Ladies 10-1. Linette Stuart went 2-for-3 at the plate with one double and two RBIs. Shannon Straty went 2-for-3 as well and stole three bases during the game.

Northwestern had a total of eight stolen bases in the game and benefited from six Centenary errors.

Cindy Leggett (4-3), the winning pitcher, pitched a complete game allowing only one unearned run, one walk and struck out four.

Game two was much more complicated with the Demons winning 7-6.

Even though the Demons were down 6-5 going into the bottom half of the seventh inning, the Lady Demons came back to tie the game when Brandy Kenney hit a run-scoring double that brought in Linette Stuart.

The game was clinched when Christina Edgar led off the bottom of the eighth inning with a triple and scored on the Erin Mancuso single that followed.

Kenney went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and three RBIs. Stuart also went 2-for-4 scoring three runs and stealing two bases.

Amber Welker (4-3) pitched the entire game to claim the win. She allowed six runs, five earned, on 10 hits and one walk while recording one strike out.

The defending Southland Conference Champion Demon Softball Team is now 8-8 overall and 2-0 in conference.

Gold Dome Bound

Lady Demons take out SLU and Lamar in final competition

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demon basketball team wrapped up its best ever season with two conference wins on the road last week.

The Lady Demons, who now stand at 21-5 overall and 16-2 in the conference, beat the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions 58-40 and the Lamar Lady Cardinals 68-57. The 16-2 conference record ties the record for conference wins in a season and is the first time since 1995 that they have won 20 games in a season.

"20 wins is a goal our team always sets and its always great to reach that mark," said head coach James Smith. "I believe it's a hallmark of not only an excellent season, but an excellent team."

Judy Clark, who was recently named Southland Conference Player of the Year, along with second-team all-conference members Kia Converse and Louise Chase, had huge weeks last week. Clark scored 14 points and tied for the game high against SLU with Converse. Converse would also have a great week, scoring 31 points in the two games, including 19 against Lamar. Converse's output was only equaled by Chase's, who scored 20 against Lamar and 27 for the week.

The Lady Demons started sluggish, however against both SLU and Lamar. On Thursday, the Lady Demons shot only 32 percent from the field and turned the ball over 25 times. Sharp defense kept the Lady Demons in the game, allowing SLU to shoot only 29 percent. The 40 points were the lowest output by a Northwestern opponent in 15 years. That was against Centenary in 1983.

Tweety Evans showed a great presence off the bench, scoring 4 and nabbing a game-high 9 rebounds.

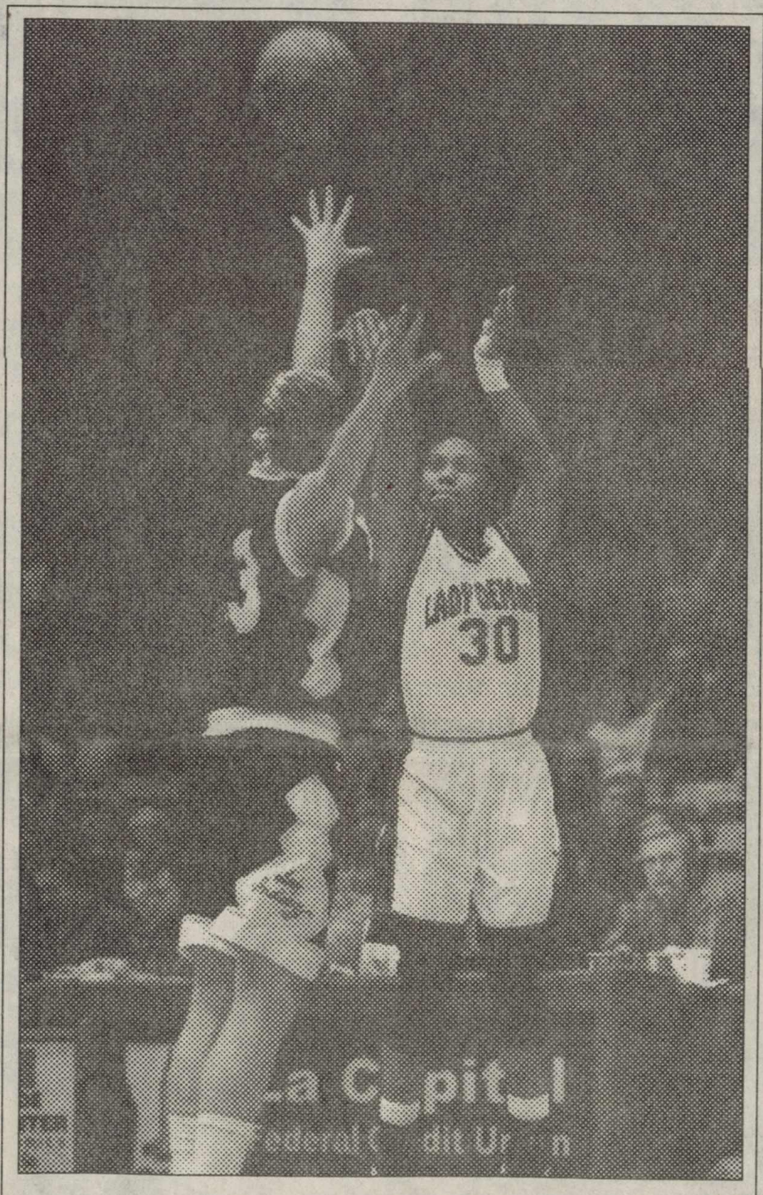
The Lady Demons only hit 2 three-pointers in the game, but they were enough to break the single-season team record for three's, with 139.

Against Lamar, the story was the same. Sluggish first-half shooting reversed by good defense. The Lady Demons shot 34.5 percent from the field in the first half and found themselves trailing at halftime 29-28. Lamar would build a 41-36 lead with almost 10 minutes left to play.

Jennifer Price provided the spark off the bench. She would score 8 points and cause a momentum-turning steal late in the second half and score to break a 52-all tie. The Lady Demons never looked back, going on a 12-5 run to put the Lady Cardinals away.

Sonya Bearden, playing in her final regular-season conference game, had 10 points on the night, including 2 three-pointers. The Lady Demons are second in the nation in three pointers this season.

The Lady Demons, with the number 1 seed in this weeks Southland Conference tournament, get a first round bye and will play the winner of the Nicholl's-Northeast game Thursday night at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the NSU athletic ticket office in the Fieldhouse.



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Kia Converse drops a three-point shot during the 66-57 win over Lamar University Saturday.

Demons use balanced scoring, defeat SLU 72-69

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons once again found themselves in a 40-minute battle with the Southeastern Louisiana Lions, but the result was the same as the Demons clinched 7th place in the Southland conference with a 72-69 victory.

A balanced Demon attack helped the Demons win their second straight game and improve to 11-14 overall and 8-9 in the conference. SLU dropped to 6-19 and 3-14 in conference.

4 Demon players scored in double figures. Jerold McRae led the team with 13 points and also added 7 rebounds. Josh Hancock's 11 points were key down the stretch for the Demons in a game which saw them outrebounded and outshot by the Lions. Hancock hit both three-pointers he attempted and also led the Demons in assists with four.

""He (Hancock) physically didn't always make the play," said Demon Head Coach J.D. Barnett, "but his toughness, his decision-making, and his leadership made all the difference for us."

The other three players in double figures for the Demons were Richard Taylor with 11 points followed by Will Burks with 10. Allan Polk chipped in with 9 points.

The Demons had a battle in store for them from the start. The Demons trailed the Lions 37-36 at the half and found themselves down by 1 with a minute and 29 seconds left in the game. At that point, Taylor hit a jumper that would put the Demons up for good, 68-67. He also sealed the game with a big rebound on a missed SLU shot with 10 seconds left.

"Richard's numbers weren't nearly as good as they were in his last outing, but he is a great competitor," said Barnett. "When the game was on the line, he hit a big shot and he went way up to grab a crucial rebound."

The leading scorer of the game, SLU's Cory Combs, had 21 points in the losing effort for the Lions.

SLU outshot the Demons in both field goals and three pointers. The Demons shot 34 percent from the field and hit 7 of 17 three pointers, compared to that of SLU who shot 42 percent and hit 8 of 17 three pointers. However turnovers proved to be the key to the game, as the Demons only committed 1 turnover in the last 10 minutes of the game.

":I'm very proud of the way our guys battled tonight," said Barnett. "We had to go on the road and win against a Southeastern Louisiana team that probably played its best game of the season."

Even with the win, the Demons are still eliminated from participating in the Southland Conference tournament, which begins this week in Shreveport.

Demons end season with close 70-65 loss

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons made a 19-point disappear better than David Copperfield made a rabbit disappear, but Lamar pulled the victory out of the magic hat, defeating the Demons 70-65 in the last game of the year for NSU.

The Demons clinched 7th place in the conference with an 11-15 record overall and 8-10 in the conference. Lamar, who is 16-10 overall and 11-7 in conference, will draw the six seed in the this weeks Southland conference tournament and play Northeast on Wednesday.

The Demons, who were coming off a two-game winning streak against SFA and Southeast Louisiana, outscored Lamar 21-2 over the first 9 minutes of the second half. The Demons were down 23-42 at the half and shot a microscopic 27 percent from the field, including a hardly-worth-mentioning 1 for 13 from three point land.

That all changed in the second half, as NSU picked it up and shot near 50 percent in the half. The Demons also got help from Lamar, who cooled off making only 8 of 21 shots.

"I'm proud of how our players fought and worked to comeback," said Demon coach J.D. Barnett. "We were not nearly as physical as they were, and that showed up in the rebounding. We got slaughtered there and that made all of the difference."

Rebounding did prove to be the turning point in the game, as the Demons were outrebounded 45-22 in the game to give coach Barnett his first team to ever be outrebounded for the season.

The Demons once again balanced the scoring with three players in double figures. Richard Taylor once again led the way for the Demons with 15 points and 3 steals. Amidd Sardinea added 12 points and Brent Shropshire scored 11. Point Guard Josh Hancock had 9 points and 3 assists. The Demons turned the ball over only a season-low 12 times.

"It was a great, great accomplishment to come back like that," said Barnett. "It took a lot of effort, a lot of energy, and we just had a few guys who just tuckered out and couldn't find the gas to get us over the hump."

With 10:21 left in the second half, the Demons tied the game with two free throws by Amidd Sardinea. After that, Lamar scored the next 5 points in a two minute stretch that would prove to be the final lead for the Demons. After that point, the Demons got no closer than 3 points the rest of the way while Lamar pounded on the boards.

The leading scorer for Lamar was Landon Rowe, who came off the bench to score 15 points and bring down 11 boards. Matt Sunblad also chipped in for Lamar with 14 points and 6 rebounds.

"Give Lamar credit for pounding away at us. It took a toll and it helped swing the game back their way after we had knocked them back on their heels and tied the game," said Barnett. "Josh Hancock and Richard Taylor, in particular, gave incredible efforts but not everybody was able to keep pace with them."

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Two bands chosen for SAB spring concert

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Despite various opponents, two of Louisiana's most popular bands will be coming to Natchitoches for the Student Activities Board's annual Spring Fling concert.

The two bands will be New Orleans' "Cowboy Mouth" and Lafayette's "Spank the Monkey." The spring concert has been a constant controversial topic around campus, and this year's concert proved to be no different. However, the SAB tried to please as many people as they could.

"I tried to get it out over the radio, and do surveys and things to see what people would want," said Chris Chelette, SAB concert chairman. "I got a lot of positive feedback from these types of bands."

The SAB also looked into getting an MTV tour bus featuring many different popular artists. That plan, however, fell through the cracks after the tour had scheduling differences with the SAB.

In January, SAB President Ryan Scofield said some of the alternative bands being pursued for Spring Fling were Green Day, Smashmouth and Counting Crows.

Despite the SAB's efforts, there remains quite a few dissatisfied students. KNWD's managers said they offered to help the SAB find more popular artists. Now, they are not pleased with the decision.

"I think the SAB dropped the ball on Spring Concert this year," music director of KNWD Joshua Clarkson said. "If I really wanted to see 'Cowboy Mouth' that bad, I could just drive down to Baton Rouge any weekend and see them, or see 'Spank the Monkey' in Lafayette."

"I guarantee, you could have seen 'Spank the Monkey' live, for free during Mardi Gras in Lafayette, and I saw 'Cowboy Mouth' for free at an outdoor concert in New Orleans," said KNWD's RPM director, Manny Guendulay. "Why are we paying so much for them?"

The price the SAB is paying for these local bands seems to be the issue on most students' complaint lists. For $16,500, several students feel the SAB could have gotten someone better.

"I think 'Cowboy Mouth' is a really good band, and 'Spank the Monkey' is a local band from Lafayette. I think for the amount of money they are going to spend for a little band like 'Cowboy Mouth', they could have gotten somebody else," said theater major, Tim Long.

"I think they should have made it a lot more open to students, and I am not saying they didn't, but I believe more students should have been involved," he added.

"Cowboy Mouth" was rumored to be last year's spring concert, but Chelette said the SAB voted on another band, rather than "Cowboy Mouth", a decision some students still view as a mistake.

"I think Cowboy Mouth is better than what they did last year with Hot Boys and Mark Curry," said junior Matthew Comeaux.. "I went to last year's concert and did not have a very good time."

Chelette said the SAB hopes that publicity will draw in a good crowd to the concert. "We do as much as we can to publicize our events," he said. "There is not much more we can do to draw people to the concert other than pulling them out of their dorms," he said.

Even though many names are thrown around for the Spring Concert, it is the SAB's funding that limits them from getting more popular groups or artists.

Despite "Cowboy Mouth" and "Spank the Monkey"'s lack of national status, they remain popular among the college scene in South Louisiana. They are known for their ability to play alternative and rock music.

"Cowboy Mouth" is probably most recognized for their hit song, "Jenny Says". It is these bands' live and extremely energetic performances that earned them their popularity.

The SAB hopes it is with the same energy that the bands will perform and entertain the discerning Northwestern crowd.

Adjunct professor victim of apparent suicide

The body of Kevin Blaine Bell, 24, was found in a room of an area hotel last Thursday. He was the victim of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Bell, who had been missing since Wednesday evening, was found in the room after someone reported to police that Bell's truck was seen parked at the hotel. The Natchitoches Parish Coroner's Office pronounced Bell dead at approximately 1 p.m. Thursday.

Bell, an adjunct professor at the University, received his English Master's degree here in December 1998. Previously, Bell attended the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts. Bell was also an RA at the Louisiana school until the time of his death.

"Kevin Bell was a bright, gifted young man with great potential," Dr. Ray Wallace, head of the Department of Language and Communication, said.

"I'm going to miss his joking around the most," graduate student Amy Callahan added. "He was sarcastic and witty, but he was always just joking."

"I think we're all still trying to sort this whole thing out," graduate student Lesa Thompson added. "We're all just looking for answers where there aren't any. Kevin was loved and cared about by a lot of people, which just makes this whole thing all the more confusing, but all we can do now is pray for his family and try to help each other get through this incredible sadness. One of us is missing now, and he can't be replaced."

"Kevin had unbelievable potential," Dr. Suzanne Green, English professor, said. "He was a brilliant writer, and he could have done anything he wanted."

As of Friday, the matter was still under investigation, but police do not suspect foul play.

Date rape is not just a national issue

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Contrary to popular belief college students are not immune to the horrble deeds that can take place in this world, especially in a college atmosphere.

In an investigation by *The Current Sauce*, several accusations of date rape were discovered here in Natchitoches. In one such case, a student filed a report with the Natchitoches police department against another student.

Both sides of the story have been presented to *The Current Sauce* and are accounted for below.

The report was filed in November 1998, several weeks after the fact. According to the report, the complaintant attended a party on a Saturday night in October at some friends' trailer. The suspect, also a friend of the host, attended the party. Both parties knew each other prior to that night.

In the report, the complainant is said to have had "two or three mixed drinks." The complainant was later given a ride home by a neighbor.

The suspect arrived at the complainant's residence approximately 10 minutes after she arrived home. He was let inside where they both fell asleep in her bed after talking. Next, the complainant was awakened by the the suspect who was engaging in intercourse "against her wishes." The suspect then apologized and left.

The note at the bottom of the report stated that the complainant did not wish to pursue and that she made the report for future reference only.

The story of the accused is very similar except for a few points.

In an interview with *The Current Sauce*, the suspect also admitted to having a few drinks that night. According to his account, the same person drove both him and the complainant to their respectful homes. The suspect then drove his car to her house where he was invited in by her.

They talked for a short time, but both were extremely tired. The suspect was about to leave when they suddenly "embraced" which eventually led to intercourse. After having sex, the two fell asleep in her bed.

The following morning, they awoke and began to have intercourse again. Without physical resistance, she said no, and he stopped.

Because charges were not pressed and no arrests were made, *The Curent Sauce* has elected not to use the names of any parties involved. Since a formal investigation was not held, this incident is classified as a *he said she said* case where the truth becomes indiscernible. Although the complainant did not pursue legal action, this case proves th reports

According to information published by the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica Hospital Medical Center in California, rape is by far the most prevalent, serious violent crime committed on college campuses.

A survey of over 6,000 students from 32 colleges showed one out of every six female students reported having been a victim of rape or attempted rape during the preceding year. One of every 15 male students reported committing rape or attempting to commit rape during that same period.

In the survey, 90 percent of the victims never reported their assaults to police. Experts said silent victims suffer profound and long-lasting changes in their lives — changes that affect them psychologically, socially, academically and developmentally.

The information stated the most prevalent form of rape on college campuses is

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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Sonya Bearden and Louise Chase, seniors on the Lady Demon Basketball team, accept the second place trophy at the CenturyTel Southland Conference Classic in Shreveport.

Student accused of making racial slurs

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Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Mr. NSU David Deggs was accused of allegedly making racially derogatory statements against an African-American student, who happens to be a member of the same fraternity.

"It's on the record that he has admitted to three separate instances of using racial slurs," said Larry Collins, a University student who claims Deggs made racial statements in reference to him.

Both Deggs and Collins are members of the Eta Omicron chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Collins formally submitted the charges of racism to the Theta Chi Fraternity Standards Board on Feb. 21.

"Theta Chi Fraternity especially, the Eta Omicron Chapter, has a history of diversity and fairness, not only on a racial stand point," Collins stated in his query to the Standards Board. "This chapter has prided itself on this campus and on a national level of being diverse and free of prejudices."

"For 20 years of my life, I have never had to accuse someone of racism," Collins said.

Collins said he wrote the letter to the Standards Board after other members of Theta Chi informed him of the alleged comments made by Deggs.

One member of Theta Chi, who wished to remain anonymous, was witness to one of the instances when derogatory comments were made by Deggs.

"He did use that word [nigger] in reference to Larry," the member said. "He said it jokingly, but it was in reference

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The battle is far from over for Lady Demons

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Though the Northwestern State women's basketball team lost in the CentruyTel Southland Conference Classic Championships, their battle is far from over.

Northwestern State will head to Fayetteville, Ark. Friday in the Women's National Inviational Tournament to compete with the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks.

The pairings were announced Sunday night. The Demons, who unfortunatly lost to Stephen F. Austin in the championship game 90-77, will face Arkansas (15-14) .

The tournament will involve thirty-two teams in a single-elimination format.

Northwestern State was among the 8 to 10 "bubble" teams considered for at-large bids, according to NCAA selection Committee chairperson Bernadette McGlade.

"They were out on the table until the very end, yes," McGlade said. Some very good teams were left out of the tournament because we can only put 64 into the bracket."

Northwestern State shares the best record with New Mexico in the WNIT, which the Demons beat this season 66-59. Other teams which were invited to compete in the WNIT are: Oklahoma State, Colorado, Utah, Baylor, Ole Miss, Michigan State, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Texas-Arlington, another Southland Conference team, was invited to the WNIT and will face Baylor in the first round.

The tournament will pair up old rivals. Arkansas head coach Gary Blair coached at Stephen F. Austin while his assistant Vic Schaefer was head coach at Sam Houston.

"I can take my clubs and play with my buddies," head coach James Smith said. "Seriously, I have mixed emotions. I thought that we were good enough to be in the NCAAs and now we have to go on the road and play Arkansas where it is very difficult to win. LSU beat them by 20 in Baton Rouge and got beat by 20 in Fayetteville. We have a team that matches up well with them. We'll see if we can handle that situation."

Northwestern State is the nation's No. 6-ranked 3-point shooting team (38.6 percent). They are led by SLC Player of the Year Judy Clark and All-Tournament Selections Louise Chase and Sonya Bearden. Bearden set the career record for 3's during the SLC Tournament.

"Blair and Vic know more about us than we know about them," Smith continued. "We've played them a number of times and we know the way to the Bud Walton Arena. It is a difficult road to hoe, but it's not new territory for us."

Northwestern made its only NCAA outing in 1989, losing to Illinois State in a first round game as an at-large candidate.

The Lady Demons finished second in the 1995 WNIT, losing to Texas A & M 85-81. in the championship game after beating Clemson and Notre Dame. NSU placed fifth in 1993, falling to Marquette 77-74 in the opening round before beating George Washington and Butler.

The winner of Saturday's game will face the winner of the Wichita State/Oklahoma.

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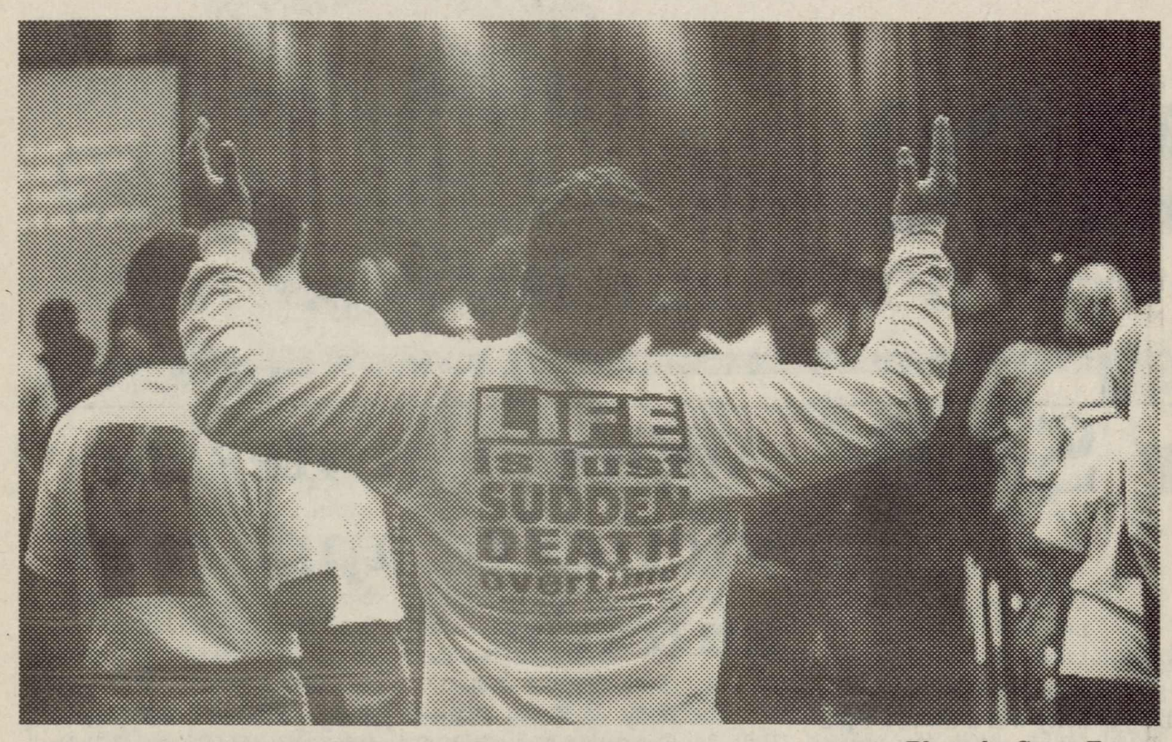

Photo by Steve Evans

Students such as this one participated in the week-long revival "Do you know?", sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and held in the Student Union March 1-5. Mike Dean, director of the BSU's evangelism committee, estimated 450-500 people attended the revival at least once during the week.

BSU's revival marked a 'heaven-sent' success

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

The Baptist Student Union's "Do you Know?" revival was a heaven-sent success.

According to Mike Dean,, director of the BSU's evangelism committee, about 450-500 people overall attended the revival at least once.

The revival opened each night at 7:30 with an opening prayer, uplifting music from the BSU's praise band and short skits performed by the BSU drama team.

As part of the revival, the BSU invited a special guest speaker each night. The five revival speakers included: Brother Don Davis from the College Avenue Methodist Church, Clovis Sturdivant,, former Westside Baptist Church Minister, Gerald Long, director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jim Renz, NSU alumnus and Barney Barnhill, college Sunday School teacher at Westside Baptist Church.

The BSU's evangelism committee came up with the "Do you Know?" campaign in the hopes of sparking student curiosity so they would attend the event. The organizers of the revival got the idea from Theta Chi's "It's Coming" theme.

"It was very successful at getting the students attention," Dean said. "About 50-100 students came to the revival throughout the week to find out what 'Do you Know' means."

"It was really awesome to fellowship with other Christians," Nikki Walker, junior social work major, said. "God started a revival in my heart."

"It's very humbling to see 200 college students on their knees in prayer for the same purpose—to become a step closer to God," Dean said.

Because of its success, the BSU hopes they will be able to hold other revivals like this one.

"The evangelism committee will decide through prayer and guidance from the Lord what will be the best way each semester to reach our campus," Dean said. "We don't know what we're going to do, but we're going to do something."

The BSU's "Do you Know?" revival expenses and speakers were funded through local churches.

"We would like to thank all of our local churches who have been in prayer and have helped to fund this God-ordained event," Dean said. "Our prayer for the 'Do you Know' revival is that the revival in the hearts of Christians doesn't end here."

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to Larry. There was no mistaking that."

When asked about the situation, Deggs said he knew nothing of the accusations.

"I don't know anything about that," Deggs said.

Collins is waiting to hear a decision from Theta Chi's Standards Board on the situation.

The Standard Board is responsible for holding members to the ideals and principles of the fraternity.

As of yet, the Standards Board has failed to disclose its findings on the charges to the fraternity.

"They're really not taking this seriously," Collins said. "They held the hearing. That's all that's been done."

"A certain member of the Standards Board put me on the defensive, even though he already admitted to it," Collins continued. "I'm the bad guy for trying to do what's right."

Lucas Shaw, president of Theta Chi, declined to comment on the fraternity's official stance on racism, although the fraternity's manual states, "Every person is due the same amount of respect and dignity no matter what race, creed, color, sex, or religion."

"All parties have been notified," Shaw said. "We're looking into it [the charge]."

Students voted Deggs to the position of Mr. NSU last fall. Although the position is simply a title bestowed upon its recipient, Mr. NSU does represent the University and serve as a reflection of the University.

Deggs also served as president of the Student Activities Board last year and currently holds the position of treasurer for Theta Chi Fraternity.

SGA considering controversial parking bill

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

One of the most controversial topics on campus -- parking-- was debated by the SGA in a proposed bill concerning University Columns residents.

The bill, which was proposed at the March 1 meeting, would prohibit any University Columns resident from parking at resident or commuter parking lots on campus.

This includes the Sabine and Rapides parking lots, which many Columns residents park in during the day. According to the SGA bill, Columns residents would only be allowed to park in the parking lot beside the Columns apartments, Russell Hall and the library.

After much debate at Monday's meeting, the SGA Senate voted to pass the bill. However, the vote was made on an amended bill that stated that it will not take effect until a new parking lot is completed.

The bill raised debate among SGA members as well as other University students. Joni Naquin, SGA senator-at-large, who is also a Columns resident,, disagreed with the bill because of the restrictions it places on columns residents.

"This bill seems to punish Column residents," Naquin,, junior journalism major, said.

She continued to say that many of the students who reside in the apartments do not want to walk to a class across campus because of weather problems.

"I don't want to walk to Kyser Hall if it is raining or if it's extremely cold outside," Naquin remarked. "It's more convenient to park a little closer to your class."

"I realize that most Columns students will be frustrated with Monday's decision, but I think it will benefit the University's parking problem in the long run," Matt Comeaux, senator-at-large and co-sponsor of the bill, said.

Several students understand the complaints of the residents and agree with their objections.

"If they want to park over here, I don't have a problem with it," Christy Rainwater, sophomore elementary education major, said. "I think it's more convenient for them."

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> **Junior journalism major**

Naquin, along with several other Columns residents, hoped to amend the bill to allow residents to park in the Sabine and Rapides parking lot.

One of the major objections of Columns residents is the lack of parking at the apartment complex. A new parking lot for the University Columns is underway and is scheduled to be finished by mid-summer. However, several of the residents do not believe this is sufficient reasoning to prohibit Columns students from parking across campus.

"How do we know if the parking lot will be finished by next fall?" Naquin questioned. "If it's not finished, then we will still have the problem of not enough parking spaces at the Columns."

Other students, however, agree that this bill is long overdue.

Senior journalism major Ericca Reynolds, who is a commuter, believes prohibiting Columns students from parking across campus will help the University's parking problem.

"For years, they argued when any resident or commuter parks in their parking lot," Reynolds said. "But now, since the tables are turned, they want us to pull favors for them and let them park anywhere."

Kevin Brough, also a commuter, believes that if commuters are ticketed for parking across campus, then Columns residents' also should be penalized.

"After all, I thought the whole point of the Columns' appeal was that it was an off-campus living facility with on-campus convenience," Brough, senior business administration major, said.

Jeb Whitley agrees, saying that parking is a continuing problem on campus and should be handled any way possible.

"I think the overall parking at NSU sucks," Whitley said. "The University Columns parking problems effect everyone, not just the Columns residents."

Students should remember the bill must still be signed by both Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of Student Affairs, and Dr. Randall Webb, university president.

Correction

The Current Sauce incorrectly identified a student in the March 2 issue. We identified Kimberly Kelly as Kimberly Turner in a story about the Feb. 25 drug arrest made in Dodd Hall by University Police.

The facts are that Kimberly Kelly was arrested for drug possession.

The Current Sauce regrets the error.

SENATE MINUTES

SGA Senate Minutes
March 3

Senators Present:
Ja'Juan Allen; Rusty Broussard; Vanessa Byrd; Matthew Comeaux; Chas Vandersypen; Andrew Davies; Eric Smith; Earl Gates; Shawn T. Hornsby; Jamie Hughes; Joni Naquin; Raechal Leone; Jennifer Leger; Madeline Rozas; Paul Rome; Niko Tesvich; Brandy Youngblood.

The Meeting was called to order by Senator Rusty Broussard in the absence of Senate Chairman David Gunn at 7:05 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

Shawn Hornsby-invocation
Vanessa Byrd-pledge.

15 senators were present giving the Senate quorum to vote.

Senator Tesvich made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.
Senator Rome-seconded the motion.

Officer Reports:
Treasurer
President Luke Dowden gave Lucas Shaw's report.

Vice-President
President Luke Dowden presented Angelique Duhon's report.

President
1) I heard good things about the group who went to COSGA and I hope you learned a lot
2) Matthew Comeaux, Chas Vandersypen, and David Gunn-- Traffic Appeals is on Monday at 2 p.m. in room 316
3) Jamie Hughes--Traffic & Safety is next Tuesday at 2 p.m. in room 221
4) Like to call emergency status on Bill SP99-007, Niko's bill concerning the Parking so that we can bring it to the Traffic & Safety Meeting next week.
Other New Bills tonight, which are automatically tabled for one week, include: SP99-008 - Bleachers Bill, SP99-009 - SAB Bill, SP99-010 - Tech Fee Bill
5) I took the Student Life Committee Bill - SP99-003 to Dr. Seymour last Week
6) Discuss the information on "Campus Communities United for Higher Education Week" March 8-12. Call attention to information in everyone's packet and pass around sign up list
7) Last week, the Student Trust Fund Council voted to approve $3,620.10 to fund three projects for the Counseling and Career Center, 1) the expansion of the Career Library, the Development of the Student Affairs Web Page, and the purchase of 11 "Careers in the Real World Video".
8) Meeting yesterday with Dr. Burns, Mrs. Bell concerning the Calendar. It seems that Dr. Burns will propose that we will have a full week at Thanksgiving. Two days at the end of the semester to study for finals and no fall break. The committee awaits the decision from Dr. Webb.
9) Dr. Webb has agreed to host a luncheon with legislators next week on Friday. I am going with Joni Naquin to represent Student Government.
10) On Monday, March 8, 1999 - the SGA representatives that sit on the ITAC Committee -need to be present at the meeting at 10 a.m.
11) Have to vote on SP99-005
12) Had a meeting with William Ackel, Hurst Hall, Shawn Hornsby, Mr. Henry and Dr. Seymour last week. After discussing this with Shawn, I think that we should opt for eliminating the fee effective June 30, 2001. This will allow the Recreation Complex to complete renovations, etc.
13) I sent the letter to Dr. Scheffler requesting that he order the stickers for all the Technology Equipment.

Committee Reports:
Academic Affairs
Chairman Byrd reported that the meetings are on Tuesdays at 5PM. She explained that she wished to create a Bulletin Board for information on the Bookswap.com and that she has scheduled an appointment with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Student Affiars
Chairman Hornsby reported that his committee wishes to have the Nutrition Facts posted in all ARAMARK dining facilities. Senator Naquin added some discussion about the topic. Chairman Hornsby suggested that the Student Senate purchase a two-year subscription to Student Leader Magazine at approximately $141.00 for 60 issues.

Internal Affairs:
Senator Byrd reported that she posted the office hours for the past two weeks and the list of committees, meeting times, and members on the SGA Bulletin Board. She explained that SGA senators not completing office hours for the past two weeks would receive a letter from the SGA Vice President.

External Affairs:
Chairman Broussard reported he was impressed with COSGA and hoped to implement some of the good ideas. He notified committee members that a meeting would be Thursday at 4:30 p.m. He explained that the webpage continues to be updated as he receives profiles from SGA members. He encouraged SGA senators to participate in "Meet the Senator Day".

Fiscal Affairs:
Chairman Rome had no report.

SAB Non-Voting Member:
Senator Jamie Hughes explained that SAB would feature Cowboy Mouth and Spank the Monkey for the Spring Concert for $16,500. She provided a detailed schedule of tentative Spring Fling Events and reminded SGA Senators and Officers about the next Coffee House scheduled for March 11.

Club Sports:
Chairman Niko Tesvich reported that meetings for the committee would be every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at noon. He explained that the committee is looking into adding some Club Sports on campus and Rugby has a lot of interest.

Grant Committee:
Chairman Matthew Comeaux reported that the committee will meet after the SGA meeting next Monday night to review six Organizational Grant Applications.

Old Business:
On a motion by Senator Comeaux, seconded by Senator Rome, the Senate unanimously tabled Bill SP99-005.

New Business:
1) With emergency status called on Bill SP99-007, Senator Niko Tesvich read the bill. Discussion held on the bill and on a motion by Senator Hornsby, seconded by Senator Rome, the SGA Senate tabled the bill with eight voting for the motion, five voting against the motion and one senator abstaining.
2) On a motion by Senator Hornsby seconded by Senator Rozas, the Student Government Senate approved the purchase of a two-year subscription to New Leader Magazine at a cost of approximately, $141.00. 13 senators voted in favor of the bill with one senator obtaining.
3) Three new bills, SP99-008, SP99-009, and SP99-007 were enrolled onto the Senate Floor by Senator Rozas, Rome, and Hughes and automatically tabled for one week in accordance with the constitution.

Special Reports:
Senator Hornsby reported that the workshops and speakers at the Conference of Student Government Associations at Texas A&M were very beneficial.

Vice President Duhon explained that she contacted the Scholar's College Forum to invite the organization to Breakfast with the President.

SGA Advisor Carl Henry reported that he enjoyed COSGA.

SGA President Luke Dowden expressed interest in taking all SGA senators to Baton Rouge for the University of Louisiana System Board Meeting on March 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. by Senator Rusty Broussard.

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Briefs

University to honor students

The University will recognize its honor students during the 38th annual Academic Honors Banquet held Wednesday.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Union.

Guest speaker for the event is Louisiana's Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie.

Tickets for the banquet are $10 and can be purchased from Vice President for University Affairs John Winston's office by Tuesday. For more information on tickets, call Winston's office at 357-5701.

University extends class deadline

LEESVILLE -- The Leesville/ Fort Polk campus announced that Beginning Stained Glass will be extended another month to accommodate students' schedules.

Classes will be held on April 5, 12, 19 and 26 and on May 3 and 10 from 6-8 p.m. The cost is $65. A $75 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. Registration deadline is March 26.

For more information, call Missy Dugan at (318) 238-6445.

University to present non-credit classes

The University's Office of Continuing Education will present non-credit classes on business and professional writing and preparing a last will and testament in March.

The writing seminar will be taught March 10-11 and 17-18 from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in room 313 of Kyser Hall. The class will be taught by Assistant Professor of English Joseph Colavito. The fee for the class is $140.

The workshop is designed for anyone who needs to communicate clearly in writing. Through discussion, examples and practice, participants will immediately learn useful techniques to help them plan and write clear and concise letters, memos, reports, proposals, e-mail messages and other documents.

Keenan Kelly will teach a class on preparation and the importance of a last will and testament Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in room 223 of Russell Hall. The fee for the class is $30.

Those taking the class can expect to learn how to draft a legally binding last will and testament. The course will describe various kinds of wills and possible contents. Participants should be at least 18 years of age.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 357-5682 or 1-800-376-2422.

Number of suspensions and expulsions rise

Baton Rouge (From wire reports) -- Twenty percent of public school students were suspended or expelled during the 1996-97 school year, and those numbers are on the rise, education officials said.

Fifteen percent were suspended during that year, the latest year for which such statistics were available. Nearly five percent were expelled.

There are approximately 760,000 students in Louisiana's public school system.

Students typically are suspended or expelled because of discipline problems, said Eloise Perez, who oversees the Department of Education's alternative schools program She said those problems are often a result of students falling behind in their school work.

That is why alternative programs or schools are so important, Perez told the House Education Committee.

Drugs found to be a problem on campus

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

Since the beginning of the semester, there have been four arrests made for simple drug possession on campus, according to Det. Doug Prescott of University Police.

While there have not been many arrests in the past year, Prescott said that drugs are a problem at the University.

"We have a lot of young students experimenting with marijuana," Prescott said. "Some don't like it, and never do it again. Some do it as a recreational drug."

There is no real accurate way to measure whether the number of arrests have increased or decreased over the past few years. The number of arrests vary from year to year due to student enrollment. In the years from 1994 to 1997, the number of arrests for the calendar year were the following, respectively: 117, 155, 111, and 72. Totals for 1998 are still being calculated.

As a point of information,, however, there are more arrests made for theft on campus than for drug use.

"Overall, drugs are tending to be why crimes are committed," Prescott said.

Drugs which are currently in Natchitoches include ecstasy, in both the liquid and powder form, crack cocaine and marijuana said Prescott. There has been suspicion of Rohypnol, but no proof.

"We've been told that it [Rohypnol] is here locally," said Prescott.

Besides being arrested for drug use and possession, law enforcement officers can arrest someone for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Prescott said that arrests can be made for smoking pipes, smoking papers, rolling devices, etc. However, it is up to the officer's discretion and how the paraphernalia is being used which determines whether arrests will be made.

"It is unlawful for any person to use, or to possess with intent to use, any drug paraphernalia, to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of this Part," stated the La. Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.

Anyone caught for simple possession faces disciplinary action from both the law, and the school. The consequences for drug possession can be anything from probation to suspension from school. The sentence for a first time conviction for marijuana is no more than $500 in fines, no more than six months in jail, or both.

Prescott said that students have bought crack and later found that something was wrong with the purchase. He said that students have also bought oregano or parsley, believing that it was marijuana.

Prescott warns students that "you never know what you're going to be ingesting."

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acquaintance rape, which may be a date or boyfriend of the victim or someone the victim knows only casually. Many college women are victims of sexual assaults in which there is no penetration, such as "sexual battery," which is the unwanted touching of an unwanted part of another person such as a sexual organ or breasts.

Experts feel college students are more vulnerable to rape than other age groups because they are vulnerable. Some of the reasons students are vulnerable is because they are in a new setting away from parental supervision and at an age when sexual impulses are making insistent demands.

Campus Connections

Student Government Association: Meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sport please call 357-4501 or 357-1305

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Mid-term grades: Students may pick up their mid-term grades March 24 and 25 in the Student Union lobby from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students must have a picture ID to receive their grades. Grades will not be available after March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Financial Aid: The Financial Aid Office will be closed March 24 for a staff training session.

Helping Hands: A Helping Hands meeting will be held March 11 at 4 p.m. in the Student Support Office in room 245 in Kyser Hall. This is a special support and student support group. More helping hands are wanted. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

Numinous: Numinous is The Society for Nature-Based Spirituality. We are an organization for networking with others belonging to nature-based spiritualities and provide a forum for safe, open-minded discussion about all nature-based spiritualities. If interested, please e-mail at marshdragon@hotmail.com.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Election Filings: Filings for the SGA's spring elections will open March 15 at 8a.m. and close March 26 at noon. There will be 15 senator-at-large positions available as well as SGA president, vice-president and treasurer positions. A refundable $10 campaign fee is required for anyone filing.

NSU CREW: There will be a race this Saturday featuring the University of Tulsa. The race begins at 7a.m. on Sibley Lake. Crew will have events on the following weekends...stay tuned.

Scholar's College: LSC Formal is this weekend and Greg Gelpi still needs a date. Call *The Current Sauce* for more information at 357-5384.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

SGA working to make students' voices heard

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

The SGA is sponsoring a "Campus Communities United for Higher Education" week to encourage students to become more active in voicing their opinions about campus issues.

In the March 1 SGA meeting, Luke Dowden,, president of SGA, said that it is important to hear the voice of the students.

Last night, the SGA sponsored a Student Forum in the Student Union Ballroom.. The forum gave students the chance to ask questions about current issues.

Today, from 11-2, the SGA sponsored a "Meet Your Senator Day", which allowed students to visit with the SGA senators and ask questions conerning university issues or to make recommendations for future bills.

"SGA in Your Face" will be held Wednesday from 11-2 in the Student Union Lobby. According to President Dowden, representatives from ARAmark, the IM building and Financial Aid will be present to address issues presented by the students. Questionnaires will be handed out to give students the opportunity to grade the services.

A scan-tron giveaway will be held Thursday from 8-12 in the Student Union Lobby. A student must bring a valid student i.d. to receive a scan-tron.

Students will also have the chance to register to vote at all of these events.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

This art exhibit is one of three works displayed outside the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts. In all, five pedestals have been constructed to provide outdoor space for student sculptures. Two more pedestals have been set up outside Roy Hall.

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College Club improves communication

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

On March 1, the online college community College Club hosted College Club Night at Iberville Dining Hall.

David Skoug and Andrew Sutton, campus representatives for College Club were there to promote College Club and answer questions students had about what College Club is.

ARAMARK allowed them to place College Club 24 oz. cups for any one with a meal plan who eats at Iberville. At the table set up, students also got information about the Godzillion Dollars Giveaway.

College Club is the largest online college community where students can get involved with special student hosted interest groups and live chats, instant messaging with friends and classmates and even build a personal web page of their own.

It was founded in 1993 by a group of undergraduate computer science students who wanted to use technology to facilitate communication between students, friends and parents as well as improve the overall college experience.

These students were joined by four large Silicon Valley technology companies who believed in the students' vision to provide free services to college students and get big corporations to foot the bill.

After three years of testing under license at the University of California in San Diego, College Club is ready to be made available at the University.

It is located at www.collegeclub.com. Additional content of the site includes: articles on the hottest topics, daily polls, online games, advice on love and relationships, a matchmaking service, advice on financial aid and even experts who can respond to questions on everything from health to fashion.

The network also provides the ability to send and receive e-mail and voicemail using either a touch-tone phone or computer. A computerized voice reads e-mail to members over the phone free of charge.

The network can also be used by student organizations and groups to communicate by both e-mail and voicemail. To get an account, students simply call in to the free (888) EMAIL ME phone number and instantly get a free, personalized account. Students can then immediately give their toll-free 888 number to parents and friends so they can leave messages for the student at no cost to either party.

"College Club is all orientated for students," David Skoug said. "You can get student trips and giveaways. You get good deals and discounts at lots of businesses."

All College Club members receive the discount card free which gives them instant discounts at local business including restaurants, stores and shops from where they live.

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Business forum held

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

The College of Business is sponsoring the 33rd annual J. Walter Porter Forum Wednesday in the David Morgan Auditorium in Russell Hall.

Carroll Aby, dean of the College of Business, said the forum is an effort to translate the textbook into practice by bringing successful business executives to the campus to speak on selected topics in their area of expertise.

The theme for this year's forum is "Excellence in Leadership: Some Lessons from Athletics."

"Athletics, like corporations, require teamwork for success," Aby said. "Leadership principles are the same in all areas, whether it be business, sports or other fields."

The College of Business has invited five leaders in athletics to speak on excellence in leadership. This year's forum speakers are: Don Fields, personal trainer from Alexandria, Rick Huckaby, basketball coach for Holy Savior Menard High School, Lee Smith, retired major league baseball pitcher and future Hall of Famer, Pat Henry, National Championship Track and Field Coach for LSU and Doug Williams, head football coach for Grambling State University.

"We really want to focus on excellence," Aby said. "I believe the excellence that these speakers have achieved would set them apart in their accomplishments."

Aby encourages everyone interested to attend and enjoy all aspects of the program.

"I feel that this year's forum is very unique because there is something special for everyone," Aby said. "We hope students will benefit academically on a short-term basis and personally from a long-term perspective."

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Customers allege food was tainted

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

An employee of the McDonald's in Many has been arrested for allegedly coating an order of Chicken McNuggets with a bleach-based powder and serving it to a customer.

The employee, Annie Marie Cryer, 18, of Many, allegedly rubbed the McNuggets in a granular cleaning chemical and served it to a customer with whom she had a dispute. The customer's wife bit into the chicken, which was meant for their 2-year-old son.

The customers, Andy and Tallie Sherfield of Zwolle, held a press conference with their lawyer, C. Rodney Harrington, in Natchitoches Thursday to discuss the incident.

The Sherfields are particularly upset when they think that their young son would have eaten the tainted McNuggets had Mrs. Sherfield not tasted them.

"It could have killed my son," Mrs. Sherfield said.

Harrington announced at the conference that the Sherfields retained him to represent them in a possible claim against the McDonald's Corp., specifically the McDonald's on San Antonio Avenue in Many, where the incident took place.

While at the McDonald's on Feb. 26, Sherfield, 25, and his wife, 26, were in their vehicle waiting for their McNuggets when Mrs. Sherfield noticed they had been given an extra Happy Meal.

Sherfield said Cryer came to their vehicle and rudely said the Happy Meal wasn't theirs. Mrs. Sherfield responded by saying, "We're not the ones who work here."

Sherfield said the employee went back inside, so he followed. Once inside, he told Cryer he didn't appreciate her attitude and would not be coming back to the restaurant. She then handed him his McNuggets, and he and his wife went home.

The Sherfields believe Cryer put the powder on the food before Sherfield finally went inside the restaurant. Harrington said once the Sherfields made it home, Mrs. Sherfield took a bite of the McNuggets.

Harrington said Mrs. Sherfield did sustain injuries from eating the food, but he wouldn't answer any questions regarding the specifics of her injuries or any damages they may seek.

"We've only just begun making preliminary inquiries into the incident," he said.

The Sherfields said they did not know Cryer prior to the incident.

The Sherfields reported the incident to a McDonald's assistant manager the night of the incident and to the Many police.

Cryer turned herself into Many police Tuesday. She was booked on one count of mingling with harmful substances, a state law dealing with contaminating food. Bond was set at $1,000.

She faces up to $1,000 in fines and up to two years in prison at hard labor if convicted of the charge.

Officials with the Many Police Department said Cryer admitted to contaminating the food and showed remorse for what she had done. She told police she lost her temper and contaminated the food out of anger.

McDonald's Manager Chuck Moran said he was not allowed to comment on the situation or whether Cryer was still an employee at the restaurant.

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Give me a break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

Over the past few years, an age of technology has swept over Northwestern. Making a trek over to the Registrar's office to drop a class is a thing of the past. Information about your college history is now as simple as logging on to the nearest computer where everything from your English 1020 grade to doing research at Watson Library on-line is available. But wait, ye eager children of technology! Amidst the super computers and on-line registration is a forgotten, but very important, part of every students life - advisors.

An advisor is, or should be, a parent away from home. This is a person whose job, or at least one of them, is to make your life a little easier at NSU. This is a person who will break arms and negotiate treaties to get you into the class that you must have to graduate. Sadly, not all advisors fit this criteria. This is where you, the students, come into the picture.

Although I, along with several of my friends, are blessed with one of the best (not to mention the busiest) advisors on campus, I know this is not the case for everyone. One of the first horror stories I heard when arriving at NSU was about a senior who learned, during his last semester, that his advisor had forgotten to tell him to take four courses -two of which were spring only classes. The result - another year at NSU.

We, as students, have a tool to stop such things from happening. In each department, a stack of forms, covered with more dust than words, is available to all students. They are advisor critique forms. I can not stress the importance of these, especially if you fall into the category of students like the one I mentioned.

And if you are one of those students who have stopped going to your advisor because it's more convenient just to pick up the phone or get on-line to register for your classes, shame on you! If you are lucky enough to be able to get through college without the assistance of an advisor, then congratulations. Write a book and tell the rest of us how to do it. For the remainder of the students out there, go ahead and pick up the phone or get on-line. But this time, give your advisor a call first. He'll probably have a few more gray hairs since you met him in your first semester, but I guarantee you that, if he's an okay advisor, he'll help make your college life a breeze.

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

It is amazing to think about the process that occurs during a students tenure at college. Recently, I made a pilgrimage to Atlanta, GA in pursuit of post academia bliss. I went into this graduate-to-be meat market with a particular concept as to what I am going to do after college. I came out with the same concept, only now it seems ten times grander.

OK.....visualization time. This is geared to those students who have been on campus for more than a year, however the direction freshman (talk about your oxymorons) may get a kick out of it.

Close your eyes (again close one and keep reading with the other) and think back to high school. Try and remember the process leading up to college. Try to remember all of the anxiety and hype that went into the selection process. Now, here is where my memory fails me....try to remember what you wanted to get done in college. I know that I wanted, to succeed, and I remember being very adamant as to what kind of education I wanted to receive, but I draw a blank when I try to recall exactly what I hoped to have gained once I could get to where I am right now.

Flash forward to the now. It's like deja vu all over again (pardon me C,S,N & Y fans). I found myself in the middle of a sea of go-getters...all with vision and all with obvious direction, but I wonder how many of them could tell you in a concise sentence what they hope to attain at the next level.

We are taught to go out and get it like a puppy, someone yells fetch and we (in our own youthful way) do just that. I am not able to agree with some of my more militant "damn-the-man" peers who believe that this is some sort of travesty.....it is unpreventable and in many ways necessary. These peers fail to observe one crucial part of the equation...we are not puppies!

We have the ability to put foresight into the process and "fetch" in a deliberate manner.

And if I could teach at the college level, this would be the main focus of every one of my lectures.

We are at a crucial stage in life, and more-times-than-not I find that we tend to assume too much. As, I am quite sure anyone who has been through this (and learned anything) will tell you...it really is not whether you win or lose it is how well you are aware of the potential outcome of the game.

Unfortunately, no one can give you the answers to this test. It is perhaps the most subjective part of the human existence, and a strong dichotomy divides the issue.

The downside of this is that no one (from your mother to that teacher who claims she is preparing you for the real world) can tell you how you feel. The upshot is that no one (from your mother to that same teacher) can tell you how you feel.

Columnist emphasizes power of unity

Shawntell Lewis
Sauce Columnist

Where there is unity, there is strength! That was my grandmother's favorite saying.

Being young, I never understood what she meant by that. So one day, she told me a story that I'll never forget.

She said, "Honey, I grew up in a small community and we were poor. We all had limited resources, but we had love that brought us together in the time of need. When one had, we all had. There were no big I's and little you's. We were all equal and on one accord.

One day, an elderly lady was stricken with TB, and in those days TB was a death sentence. The doctors sent her home to die. She had no family, and a very meager income. As a close-knit community, we refused to sit by and do nothing. Our community gathered our resources, and with the little that we had, we nursed that lady back to health."

All of this happened because there was unity in that community. I applaud Hillary Clinton when she expressed how it takes an entire village to raise just one child.

Unity! Unity! Although an invisible spirit, it is one with nature and has amazing power!

Only last week, the BSU sponsored a revival in the Ballroom, and it truly inspired my soul. Just to be a part of a service filled with people of different racial backgrounds and religious affiliations was truly a blessing to me.

Regardless of who you are or where you have come from, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for the entire world. Everyone there began praising God and no one was concerned with what anybody else was saying about them.

If we, the people of God, can unite as one and come together there is nothing we can not accomplish.

Philippians 4:13 proclaims, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

Where there is true unity, every effort to disunite only serves to strengthen! God has created us with the power to create beyond any uncertainties that may hinder us. We are one with God, and we can never be separated from our divinity.

I believe that any hard times are awakening us to a new unity and a reaffirmation of purpose.

Unity has played a large part in the lives of our elders. This unity sustained them.

We must never become too sophisticated as to stop believing in one another and lending someone else a helping hand.

Now is the time for us to stand up and accept responsibility for our actions and our world in which we live.

When we allow ourselves this freedom of uniting as one, we can break a cycle of despair. We can rise above our sorrow and find a new emotional home, from which we can make a positive impact on this world.

Let us answer the call of Christ and soar beyond an uncertain future united as one. For if God be with us, then who can be against us.

Letters to the Editor

It is with great shock and disappointment that I respond to the inclusion of a most disturbing advertisement in your March 2 issue.

Does anyone on your staff actually READ the ad copy that comes in and is approved for publication? Allowing an ad in which an anti-Jewish hate group questions the validity of an established historical fact -- the Holocaust-- under the guise of "academic discussion" really makes me question your staff's journalistic ethics. As a child, I visited the death camp at Dachau. I saw the ovens. I have talked with survivors. The Holocaust is not some academic point to be debated -- it is a painful part of our century's history.

If you feel the views of this hate group represent appropriate intellectual inquiry for a college newspaper (perhaps under the principal of freedom of the press), why not allow ad campaigns in your pages that promote the virtues of slavery or child pornography? I'm sure you could find racists or pornographers to pay for ads on those subjects as well. Freedom of the press, it seems to me, means having the good sense to know when to draw the line and say, "No, we're not going to run that. It's just not right."

I can only hope that the copy for this despicable ad was accepted by *The Current Sauce* only because someone didn't bother to read the fine print. In running this trash, you cheapen the notion of what academic freedom is all about, not to mention the insult to our Jewish students and faculty.

It's been said that evil only flourishes when good people do nothing. You should apologize for this mistake and give your readers an assurance that this sort of travesty won't happen again.

Sincerely,
Tony Smith, associate professor of Creative and Performing Arts
President, NSU local of United Federation of College Teachers

I wish to respond to a few of the points made in last week's reply by Mr. Ellis. I agree with his statement that students have every right to expect that their professors understand the subject matter and be able to instruct students accordingly.

However, the idea that the teacher is at fault if a student fails a course three times can only be true if the same professor is involved each time. Some students fail regardless of the instructor. The common element in all of the those instances is the student.

I also disagree to a certain extent with his comment that "...students, in general, are not lazy." Right. That's why I hear so many complaints about the audacity of professors who expect students to read the textbook or do work outside of class.

You want an essay question? You want students to reason? I know that NSU is composed of more than ignorant slobs, but ask how many students would be in school if they didn't have to be. Ask them how many would do homework if their grades didn't depend on it. How many would learn the material if they could get by without doing so? I'll bet that many of those who said yes to the above questions are lying through their pearly whites.

I hold tremendous respect for the many people I see who break their backs studying, taking notes, and honestly WORKING to get good grades, and I hold in utter contempt those who expect an A to be handed to them or standards be lowered in order to mask their ignorance. Those junior high and preschool kids of whom you speak get what they deserve. Just as the administration should throw out an ignorant dope unworthy of the title "Dr.," so should it act concerning the leeches of real students' time and money.

Scotty Williams, Senior
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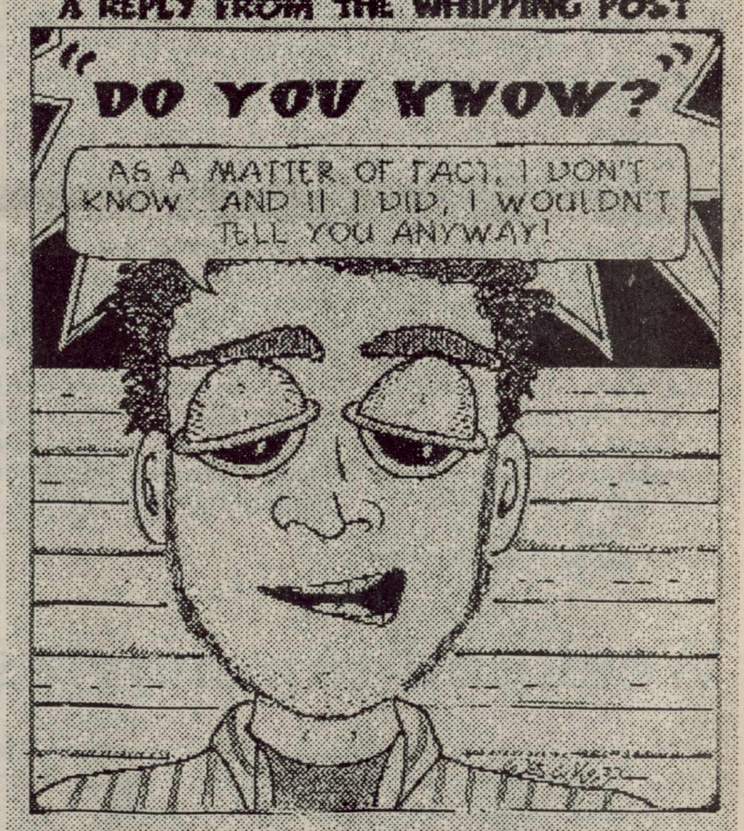

I am writing in response to the article in last Tuesday's paper regarding the meal plan increase. There's a few things I need to get off my chest about this proposed increase in prices...HOW THE HELL CAN THE PRICES POSSIBLY GO UP ANY MORE? I feel that every semester, the overall cost of a full-time college student here at NSU has dramatically increased, and I have yet to be fully satisfied with these so-called changes.

Yes, it's great that, with the proposed modifications, students will no longer need change for the vending machines or copy cards, but don't ya' think it's about time we caught up with the rest of the universities in that concept?

This is not a new idea. Most colleges have the "one-card system" already. It seems that Tillman is using this idea to excite students about the modernization of our system. Sorry, but it's anything but modern.

My question is, "How much more 'improving' are you going to do?". If you cannot "improve" our services without enough money to pay for it," maybe you should spend the money you do make on things other than neon signs. How many neon signs can a cafeteria have?

Come on, spend all this money you are making for a training workshop for your employees. (Teach them to smile and cover their mouths when they cough.)

My opinion regarding the addition of a new dining location makes me wonder...this is just another reason to tear up streets and make driving on campus virtually impossible, AGAIN! The need for ARAMARK to "remain competitive" really concerns me. Who are you competing with?

The students who live on campus and must have a meal card are forced to dine at your locations, so you're going to have business. If you keep trying to be competitive, you will lose all business due to the fact that no one can afford your food.

I do have a question that maybe the staff at *The Current Sauce* can find an answer to: Can I see some actual proof that our food prices are the lowest of any college in the state? I just find that extremely hard to believe.

It's a nice idea and I appreciate the thought of wanting to improve the standards at Northwestern, but I just can't afford it and good luck finding enough people who can.

Carin Link, Senior
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Oscar picture clearer thanks to SAG awards

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Thanks to Sunday night's Screen Actors Guild awards in Los Angeles, the Academy Awards picture has become a little less muddled, although still not perfectly clear, as the Oscar's are only two weeks away.

As it has been ever since June, *Saving Private Ryan* appears to have the inside track on winning the best picture award on March 21. It has become even more evident since its director, Steven Spielberg, won the Director's Guild of America award Saturday. Spielberg's Directors Guild win was his third. He also was honored for *The Color Purple* in 1985 and *Schindler's List* in 1993. Only four times has the Directors Guild winner not repeated at the Academy Awards. The winner of the Oscar for best director also usually sees his film take the best picture award.

Gwenyth Paltrow of *Shakespeare in Love* is the favorite for best actress, after her SAG award victory. As for best actor, Tom Hanks is still the man to beat for his role in *Saving Private Ryan,* but a surprise SAG win by Italy's Roberto Benigni in *Life is Beautiful* has given a huge boost to his chances and could spell trouble for Hanks.

On the supporting front, Kathy Bates for *Primary Colors* is the front runner to win her second Oscar. She was a victor at the SAG awards and fellow SAG winner Robert Duvall (*A Civil Action*) looks to do battle with Golden Globe winner Ed Harris (*The Truman Show).*

Screenplay Oscars are almost guaranteed to go to *Shakespeare in Love* and *Out of Sight* due to last month's Screenwriters of America Awards.

Although the Screen Actors Guild awards are still young - in their fifth year - they are becoming a strong predicator of Oscar winners because of a significant overlap of the memberships of the actor's union and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Winners at the fifth annual Screen Actors Guild awards

Film

Male Actor: Roberto Benigni, *Life is Beautiful* (Miramax)
Female Actor: Gwenyth Paltrow, *Shakespeare in Love* (Miramax)
Male Actor in a supporting role: Robert Duvall, *A Civil Action* (Buena Vista Pictures)
Female Actor in a supporting role: Kathy Bates, *Primary Colors* (Universal Pictures)
Cast performance: *Shakespeare in Love* (Miramax)

Television

Male Actor in a TV movie or miniseries: Christopher Reeve, *Rear Window* (ABC)
Female Actor in a TV movie or miniseries: Angelina Jolie, *Gia* (HBO)
Male Actor in a drama series: Sam Waterston, *Law & Order* (NBC)
Female Actor in a drama series: Julianna Margulies, *ER* (NBC)
Male Actor in a comedy series: Michael J. Fox, *Spin City* (ABC)
Female Actor in a comedy series: Tracy Ullman, *Tracy Takes On* (HBO)
Cast performance in a drama series: *ER* (NBC)
Cast performance in a comedy series: *Ally McBeal* (FOX)

Lifetime Achievement

Kirk Douglas

Famed director dies at age 70

Stanley Kubrick, the acclaimed film director of *2001: A Space Odyssey* and *A Clockwork Orange,* died Sunday at the age of 70.

Police at St. Albans, north of London, said they were notified of the death by a doctor who was called to Kubrick's home. The police said they did not know the cause of death, but there were no suspicious circumstances.

"He died today, unfortunately," a spokesman for Hertfordshire police said. "The Family has asked us to release the news of his death to let people know."

He said police had been contacted about the death "as a matter of routine." He did not know whether there would be any post-mortem examination and had no further details.

Kubrick, a director, writer and producer, was born in New York City in July 1928. He developed his camera eye working for US magazine, *Look,* then a major outlet for creative photography.

Switching to the cinema, he made his first big mark in 1957 with *Paths of Glory,* a film about a French army mutiny during WWI. The film was banned in France for many years.

His fame grew with *Spartacus,* a film about a slave revolt against ancient Rome, *Lolita,* which was-based on Vladimir Nabokov's scandalous novel, and 1964's *Dr. Strangelove*, which drew black comedy from the Cold War risk of accidental nuclear conflict.

Many of his films showed an anti-establishment point of view.

His most famous were *2001: A Space Odyssey,* featuring the novel idea of a talking computer with twisted emotions, and his 1971 adaptation of Anthony Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange,* which Kubrick withdrew from distribution in Britain after it was said to have inspired copycat gang violence.

In 1980 Kubrick made *The Shining*, a horror story, followed in 1987 by *Full Metal Jacket,* which was about the Vietnam War.

At the time of his death, his new film *Eyes Wide Shut,* starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, was being prepared for release in July.

Hendrix: A legacy of music

Elona Boggs
Contributing Reporter

He was one of the most dynamic performers ever to take the stage.

His flamboyant nature mesmerized the audience with his music and his unique talent. In addition, he is regarded as being one of the greatest artists of his time, and many agree that he was the best guitarist ever to pick up the instrument.

His songs "All Along the Watchtower", "Red House" and "Purple Haze" can still be heard in this modern age of rock. He is none other than Jimi Hendrix, and his life was as vivid as his music.

Hendrix was born in Seattle on November 27, 1945 as Jimmy Hendrix. He later dropped an "m" and the "y", replacing it with an "i" because he thought it would be more memorable.

Jimi was raised by his father, Al, who sparked Jimi's interest for music. His father loved Rhythm & Blues and encouraged Jimi to pursue his passion. Al bought Jimi a cheap guitar at a thrift store, and that's when "The Ultimate Experience" began.

In the early 60s, after a brief tour of bars and clubs, Jimi got a gig playing pick-up guitarist for names like Little Richard, The Isley Brothers and Sam Cooke. However, it wasn't until 1966 that he formed a band of his own and was discovered in a New York cafe.

He and his band started touring London, hoping to promote their new fame and become a part of the new psychedelic movement in music. The results were electrifying.

Soon, he became worldwide. With creativity, he continued to invent musical masterpieces like "Castles Made Of Sand", "Manic Depression" and "Hey Joe". He recorded three notable albums: "Are You Experienced", "Axis: Bold As Love", and "Electric Ladyland". Jimi created a funky new form of music whose remnants can still be heard in modern music and guitar styles.

Hendrix once said, "Imagination is the key to my lyrics. The rest is painted with a little science fiction."

However, Hendrix's life was as complex as his music. He had a drug problem, and, like most musicians in that era, he made no secret about it. Indeed, drugs controlled him throughout his career.

On the night of September 16, 1970, Jimi was preparing to leave London for the States. He never made it.

He died of suffocation on September 18 due to an accidental overdose of sleeping pills. The world lost yet another musical mastermind.

It has been said that the night before his death, Hendrix wrote a new song, appropriately titled "The Story Of Life." For more information on Hendrix, visit rockhall.com.

Tribute to a film princess

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

"What is really needed in order to become a star is an extra element which God gives you or doesn't give you. You're born with it. You cannot learn it. God kissed her cheek and there she was". Director Billy Wilder about Audrey Hepburn

Audrey Hepburn portrayed an angel in what was to be her final movie, *Always* (1989) and to millions of moviegoers that's what she was. Her big brown innocent eyes and sprightly grace was a breath of fresh air that filled the movie screen and enchanted audiences.

She was born Edda van Heemstra Hepburn-Ruston to a Dutch baroness and an English banker in Brussels, Belgium. Childhood was a traumatic time for Audrey.

Her parents divorced. Her family was trapped in Nazi occupied Holland, while close relatives were executed or sent to labor camps. During this time Audrey's family was driven to starvation, anemia, respiratory problems and edema tortured Audrey's frail body.

After the war Audrey and her mother moved to London. At the age of sixteen, she blossomed into a young lady, taking ballet, modeling and making small appearances in films.

The French novelist, Colette, was charmed by Audrey in a crowd and insisted that she star on Broadway in *Gigi* (1951). This was her first major role, and despite the fact that she had no training as an actress, won the audience over. She earned an Academy Award for her performance in *Roman Holiday*, also starring Gregory Peck, in 1953. Four Oscar nominations (*Sabrina, The Nun's Story, Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *Wait Until Dark*) and a Tony Award for *Ondine* highlighted Audrey's acting career.

Perhaps Audrey's most memorable performance was in *My Fair Lady*. The movie was based on the popular Broadway musical. Audrey played Eliza Dolittle, a poor spunky flower girl, who came under the tutelage of the phonetic professor Henry Higgins (played by Rex Harrison). Higgins is certain that by making Dolittle speak intelligently he can pass her off as upper class. His little experiment works, but he falls in love with Eliza. After stubborn bickering splits the two apart, they realize that they have grown too accustomed to each other and love conquers.

Besides making her mark as an actress, she made her mark as a trend-setter. Her collaborations with Hubert de Givenchy were the most memorable in the fashion world. Unlike the ample actresses of her day, Audrey's not so voluptuous chest and boyish curves proved to be an invaluable asset. She was not so much a sex symbol, but a princess.

In the 80s Audrey worked with starving third world countries and, as always, was outstanding. She became a goodwill ambassador and spokesperson for UNICEF. She worked tirelessly to build public awareness of the hunger and devastation in these countries.

In 1991 Audrey was diagnosed with colon cancer. In 1992 she received the Screen Actors Guild award for lifetime achievement. The year of her death, 1993, she was also awarded the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

She died at the age of 63.

Weekend top movies

If anyone saw a small budget 1996 film starring John Cusack named *Grosse Point Blank*, then they will undoubtedly remember the hilarious scenes with Cusack and his psychiatrist played by Alan Arkin.

The film was about Cusack's character returning to his ten-year high school reunion. The only problem was that Cusack's character has become a contract killer and close to the beginning of the movie the "hitman" goes to see the "shrink." Needless to say Arkin's character is a little uncomfortable with the profession of his client. Now take that idea and expand it to two hours and you've got the number one movie in America this past weekend, *Analyze This.*

The well-reviewed comedy, in which Billy Crystal plays straight man to a surprisingly uproarious Robert Deniro, earned a strong $17.7 million and came in with highest per screen average in the top 10.

The box office tally is good news for both actors: Deniro has never been known as a huge draw with crowds (his last film, *Ronin* opened with $12.7 million before quickly disappearing), and This is his biggest debut to date; Crystal has recently headlined a string of clunkers, including last year's *My Giant*, which bowed with a paltry $3.1 million.

The weekend's other big release, *Cruel Intentions,* also had an impressive debut, with the evil-that-teens-do drama earning $3.2 million.

The poorly received film, which stars Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, and his pregnant fiancee Reese Witherspoon in a high-school-based adaptation of *Dangerous Liaisons* cost a mere $11 million to make, and proves there's still life in the overexposed teen genre.

Last week's box office topper, Nicolas Cage's *8MM*, tumbled to number three, taking in $7 million. That means the snuff film thriller lost about half its business in its second weekend of release. Its total stands at $25.3 million.

Dropping a spot to number four was *The Other Sister*, in which Juliet Lewis and Giovanni Ribisi play a mentally challenged couple. The film earned $5.6 million, a small drop from last week, despite the fact that it added more than 500 screens this weekend. So far the Gary Marshall - directed drama has earned $14.2 million.

Mel Gibson's *Payback* fell three spots to number five with $4.1 million in its fifth weekend of release. The violence-happy thriller has so far scared up $72.3 million.

Rounding out the top ten: *October Sky*, $3.7 million; *My Favorite Martian*, $3.6 million; *Message in a Bottle*, $3.4 million; *Shakespeare in Love*, $3.4 million; and *She's All That*, $2.6 million.

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Albertsons takes on Wal-Mart

Sauce reporter evaluates the stores on service, convenience, and price

Joni Naquin
Satff Reporter

Now that the long awaited Albertson's is open; is there any reason left to go to the old, reliable Wal-Mart?

If you are one that is pressed for time, Albertson's seems the obvious choice. It takes four minutes to drive from campus to Albertson's and find a parking spot. It took seven minutes to drive from campus to Wal-Mart and park. However, this was done well into the evening hours, and Keyser Avenue traffic was not a factor at the time.

If you are one for service, then both Wal-Mart and Albertson's have service with a smile. Both stores have an employee greeting you at the door with a shopping cart for you, along with a wide smile. The cashiers' both seemed to enjoy chatting with the customers, at least on this evening.

If you are one for convenience, both stores are open 24 hours, seven days a week.

If you are one for entertainment while shopping, both stores play lovely, pleasant music over the stores for their customers.

But if you are like me, you are one for value. It was difficult to investigate past Albertson's shiny new floors, bright neon lights, glimmering glass cases and twirling pet center, but I searched for the best prices.

I compiled a list of a few items that I believe most college students shop for. I compared Albertson's prices and Wal-Mart's.

All varieties of Maruchan Ramen Noodles were 10 for $1.00 at Albertson's. Wal-Mart sells Maruchan Ramen Noodles for $.13 each. If you do the math, Albertson's saved a few cents there.

The least expensive loaf of sliced bread at Albertson's costs $.79. Wal-Mart's least expensive loaf of bread was only $.76. Chalk one up for Wal-Mart.

A box of CoCo Krispies cereal (15 oz) sells for $2.99 at Albertson's. Wal-Mart sells that same box for only $2.38. You would save $.68 at Wal-Mart.

A twelve can box of Dr. Pepper is only $2.99 at Albertson's. That is a deal when Wal-Mart sells their boxes of Dr. Pepper for $3.28. However, since we are talking about value, here, let's walk a little further down the aisle to the generic brands. A twelve can box of Dr. A+ is $1.99. A twelve can box of Dr. Thunder is just $1.78. Now that is a value.

Now it is time for the clincher. Who has the cheapest beer? Wal-Mart sells the six pack of Miller Lite longnecks for $4.47. Albertson's not only sells the six pack of Miller Lite longnecks for just $4.19, but they have one walk-in beer cooler that is enough to make Homer Simpson feel as though he was in heaven.

I suppose if you are content with living off of Ramen noodles and beer, Albertson's is the store for you.

If you prefer cheaper bread, inexpensive cereal and Dr. Thunder, a few minutes of your time in exchange for a few pennies may seem worth it.

There are most likely lots and lots of differences between the two stores and that would just be too difficult to list. If you are still undecided on which grocery store is for you, I leave you with one last comparison.

Albertson's has Ben and Jerry's ice cream, whereas, Wal-Mart has lots of Teletubbies. It is your decision.

WAL-MART VS ALBERTSONS

KNWD steadily works to improve

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Once known as the weirdos on campus that played only obscure music, KNWD has made several changes in the past few years to improve its image and to provide a wider variety of music.

"KNWD has gradually become better," Josh Clarkson, Head Music Director for the past three years, said. "We are no longer known as 'the big freaks', but just 'the freaks.'"

According to KNWD disc jockeys and students, KNWD has become better for a couple of reasons.

"They seem to play a bigger variety of music that appeals to the students," Melissa Roberston, senior Journalism major, said. " They are a class act group."

Besides a larger variety of music, KNWD has increased its visibility on campus.

KNWD used to be located in South Hall, which is near Turpin Stadium, where their existence was barely known. Now KNWD is located on the first floor of Kyser Hall.

"Students see us," Clarkson continued. "We are in the middle of student life."

Another reason KNWD has improved is because the station is under the direction of General Manager Casey Shannon. Shannon has been General Manager of KNWD for the past two years and has developed a reputation for organization and professionalism.

"They seem to be more organized since Casey has taken over," Robertson said.

Faculty members have also taken notice of Shannon's improvements.

"Casey is very prompt and independent," Sherilynn Byrd, NSU faculty member and adviser of KNWD, said. "He makes sure that everything flows the way it should. He is very professional in that aspect."

New technology has also helped The Demon reach a wider audience.

According to Shannon and Clarkson, one of the more popular shows is the Kelly and Jack show. They bring their lap top computer with them on the show and go on-line to attract listeners outside the city of Natchitoches. This gives The Demon the opportunity to have a larger listening audience and to gain more exposure.

The Demon can be heard live on the internet and can be accessed by going to the NSU web page.

The Wake and Bake Show, hosted by Shannon and Clarkson, showcases the style of music that is played on KNWD.

"The morning is when most of our listeners tune in so we try to use our morning show to set the tone of how KNWD should be," said Shannon.

The DJ's at KNWD also put a lot of energy into their shows. Some students DJ just for fun while others use the opportunity to learn about radio.

Heath Crawford, senior Journalism major, says that being a disc jockey "is good experience for me."

"The music that is sometimes played on KNWD does not fully represent the student body," Crawford said .

Crawford plays music that he thinks appeals to more students such as Top 40 and main stream music.

According to Crawford, there are some aspects of being a disc jockey that some students don't realize.

"The hardest part about it is talking over the air. It is totally different from any other form of talking," said Crawford.

Stephanie Danby, sophomore Journalism major, is a disc jockey to get exposure in the area of radio.

"I want to open myself up to all areas of the Journalism field before making a decision in a certain area," said Danby.

Rondray Hill, freshman Journalism major, enjoys being a disc jockey because "it's a chance to be wild and crazy and not get in trouble for it!"

Hill continued by saying that it is a lot more work than it actually seems.

"You have to keep music on the air and get requests. You're constantly moving," said Hill.

Shannon is pleased with the work of the disc jockeys this semester.

"We have some very talented people that could possibly go on and do something big," Shannon said.

Photo by Virginia Dixon

KNWD Disk Jockeys take time out between songs to practice their on--air personalities. KNWD is represented by a staff comprised of over 70 volunteer DJ's and 6 managers.

KNWD *The Demon* schedule of DJ's

Monday
6-9am Jules in the Morning
9-11am David Wells
11-1pm open
1-3pm Amber Cantrell
3-5pm Chris Evans
5-7pm Manny Guendulay
7-9pm Raymond Williams
9-1am Beemer and Juice
1-6am open

Tuesday
6-9am The Wake and Bake Show
9-11am Danielle
11-1am Skylar Gremillion
1-3pm SGA Hour
3-5pm Erin and Jessica
5-7pm Stephanie Danby
7-9pm D.J. and Kim
9-1am Beemer
1-6am John Chambers

Wednesday
6-9am Jules in the Morning
9-11am Heath Crawford
11-1am Iggy and Alan
1-3pm Larry Collins and Amanda Harmon
3-5pm Lydia and Mario
5-7pm Jacob Rachal
7-9pm Jay, Josh and Rondray
9-1am Nathan Engelman
1-6am open

Thursday
6-9am The Wake and Bake Show
9-11am Sheena Childs
11-1am Paul Downs
1-3pm Paul Monteleone
3-5pm Garrett Monti
5-7pm Aaron and Aman
7-9pm Rhett Crosby
9-1am DJ Elkins
1-6am open

Friday
6-9am Jules in the Morning
9-11am Lesa Thompson
11-1pm Joni and Sara
1-3pm Ekim and Donnan
3-5pm Susan Lewis
5-7pm Nathan Keefer
7-9pm Jewarren Humphrey
9-1am Kelly and Jack
1-6am Kelly and Jack

Saturday
6-9am Jeri Brumfield
9-12pm D. Lyles
12-3pm Susan Lewis
3-6pm Sean Woods
6-9pm Monique Lacour
9-1am Terrick Harrell
1-6am Chris Bellings

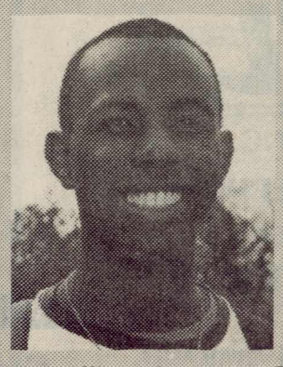
Sunday
6-9am open
9-12pm Sophia Fashee
12-3pm Sheena Childs
3-6pm Ronnie Lewis
6-9pm Brian and Osagie
9-1pm Nathan Engleman
1-6am open

"Current Quotes"

"What kind of programming would you like to hear on KNWD?"

"At night I would like to hear going out music and during the morning and daytime I would like to hear regular music."

Maggie Cathey
Freshman



"I would like to hear more R&B programs."

Correy West
Sophomore

"I realize that they already have Christian programs, but I would like to see more."

Casey Aguillard
Junior

"I would like to hear more gospel programs on KNWD."

Clarence Frank
Senior

Sports

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Demons get upper hand on LSU

Baseball sends out four homers of Alex Box

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Four jacks—a very nice hand to have in a game of poker.

That is what Northwestern State dealt in-state rival Louisiana State in a 12-6 victory.

Northwestern State second baseman Tyler Dunlap hit consecutive RBI homeruns, while Steven Bell destroyed the ball on a two run shot and left fielder Brent Trosclair nailed a three-run blast.

The Demons scored 11 runs during the top of the sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

"We rarley get the chance to play in an environment like this where balls fly out of the park on a regular basis," head coach John Cohen said. "We got that opportunity tonight and our guys cashed in."

LSU coach Skip Bertman strolled to his dugout impressed with the Demons and dissapointed in his bullpen, throwing three reliever allowing nine runs in the final three innings. Northwestern State went through the lineup in the sixth sending ten hitters to the plate.

"Northwestern state played great," Bertman said. Three players hit four homers, when only one had one coming in. They played at a high level. Despite the rain, this was a game we couldn't win."

Demon ace David Balcer, an Academic All-American candidate, struck out a career high 13 Tigers in 7 2/3 innings before torrential rains ended the game. Balcer spread nine hits, and walked three making his fourth career appearance against LSU.

In the Boxscore...

Tyler Dunlap 2 x 2 Run Homers
Steven Bell 1 x 2 Run Homer
Brent Trosclair 1 x 3 Run Homer

Balcer picked up the loss last year as LSU beat the Demon 6-3.

"He had a really gutty effort tonight," Cohen noted. "He battles through some real adverse conditions in front of a hostile crowd. I'm really proud of the way he reacted after giving up their home runs. He showed courage and leadership out there and really deserved this."

LSU got a solo homer from Jeff Leaumont and Eric Hendrickson. The Tigers advanced a 1-1 stalemate with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, but they could not keep Balcer out of his element.

"After they took the lead, I didn't worry too much," Balcer said. I just kept my concentration and I wanted to hit spots. I think I struggled against Rice when they scored because I lost concentration on hitting the spots, and tonight, I really focused on that."

Dunlap sailed a pair of two-run bombs in the sixth and the seventh innings overcoming a 4-1 deficit to capture a 9-5 lead. His second, a tape measure homer over the left-centerfield fence of Alex Box Stadium pushed the Demons up by four.

Cohen wasn't surprised.

"He's actually been swinging the bat really well," Cohen added. "He hit some balls at Lamar last weekend that would have been out in this ballpark."

"Tonight I really saw the ball well. On the second one, I was actually trying to hit a sacrifice fly but it just kept carrying out of the ballpark."

News Bureau

Ryan Anholt makes a tag at second base, and keeps an LSU player from stealing. Anholt received Southland Conference Hitter of the Week honors last week.

News Bureau

Shortstop Christina Edgar hurls the ball in last week's sweep against SW Texas. The Demons beat the Bobcats 4-3, 8-1 and 6-5.

Tennis splits conference matches

Northwestern State got a three-set victory by Brandee LaSuzzo in the No. 5 singles match Sunday to highlight an 8-1 win over Southwest Texas in Southland Conference women's tennis.

LaSuzzo prevailed 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 over Sara Convery and also teamed with Marta Zivanov for an 8-5 triumph in the No. 1 doubles over Andrea Giesick and Emma Towler.

Zivanov won 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles over Giesick while Lady Demon Brandi Mathews took the No. 2 match 6-0, 6-1 over Towler.

The outcome evened Northwestern at 1-1 in SLC play and left the Lady Demons 3-5 overall. Saturday, they fell 7-2 at Texas-San Antonio, getting wins from Zivanov in the No. 1 singles (6-3, 2-6, 6-4 over Julie Colin) and Merlin Prezens at No. 3 (6-3, 6-2 over Louise Soderkvist).

The Lady Demons dropped a pair of three-set singles matches. Mathews fell 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 to Jitske Minderhoud while Natalie Unger was beaten 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1 in the No. 4 position by Eva Soderkvist.

Northwestern plays again Friday at home against Arkansas State in a 2 p.m. match at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex. The next SLC match is Sunday at Stephen F. Austin.

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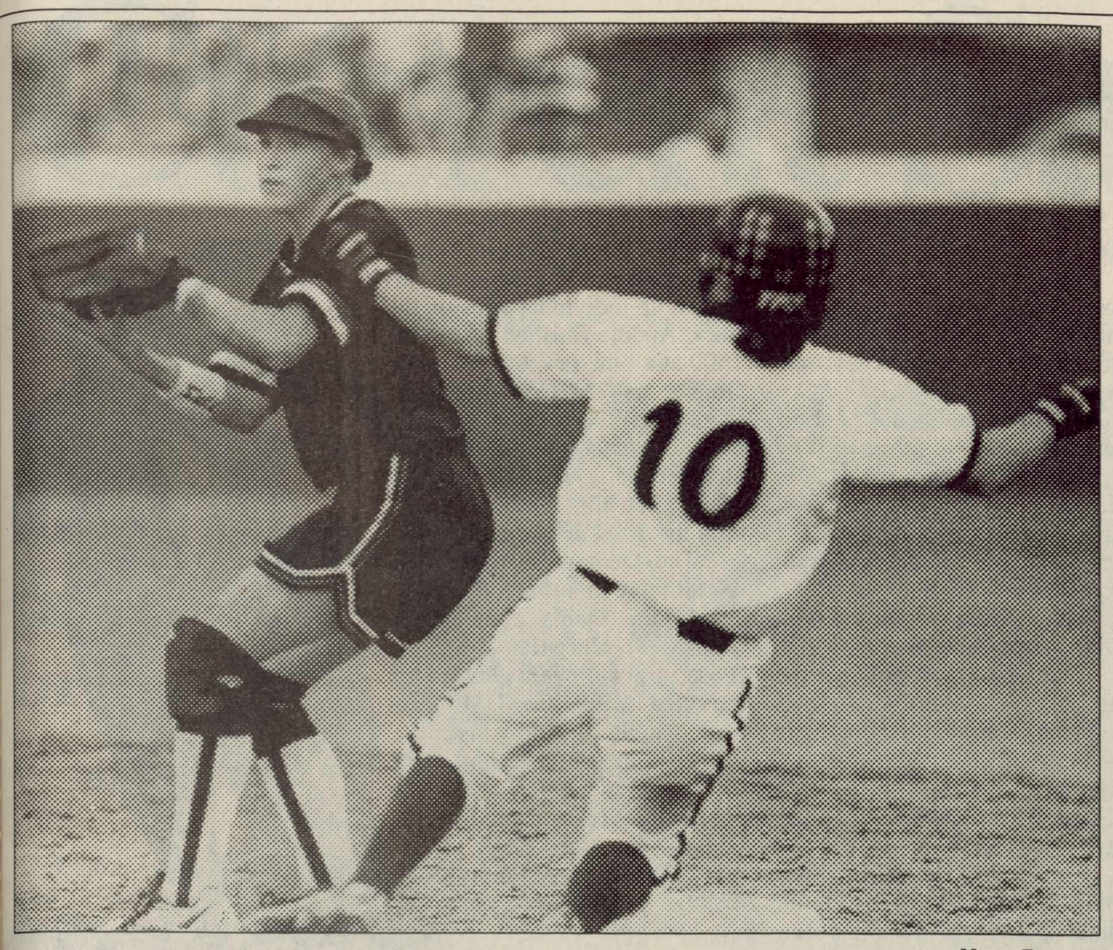

News Bureau

Second baseman Jana Strickland catches the ball and attempts to step on second to get the forced runner out.

Softball sweeps SW Texas splits with ranked USL

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

The Demon softball team blasted its way into March with a huge conference sweep of Southwest Texas State. The three wins extended the Demon's consecutive winning streak against Southland Conference opponents to 17.

In the first game of the double header, the Demons won 4-3. The Demons came back from a 3-0 deficit when they tied the game in the fourth-inning during a rally that was started by Brandy Kenney when she walloped a two-run homer.

Shannon Straty came behind her with a double and scored on a Kita Williams single.

Williams singled again to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Pinch runner Jada Garcia scored on a double hit by Erin Mancuso.

Cindy Leggett pitched the whole game allowing only seven hits in the opener. After the three run first inning, she shut out Southwest Texas for the remaining six.

In the nightcap, Northwestern tormented Southwest Texas as they crushed 12 hits that led to an 8-1 victory. They scored five runs in the fifth to pull away.

For the night, Amber Welker (5-3) allowed only one run and stranded 11 Southwest Texas players. As a team the Demons committed no errors in either game.

The following day, Southwest Texas came back ready to play allowing only a 6-5 win for Northwestern. This win now puts the Demons at a perfect 5-0 in SLC play.

In the game, the Demons roped six hits with both Brandy Kenney and Jana Strickland having two hits apiece. Leggett, going all the way again, stranded another 11 Southwest Texas baserunners while allowing only nine hits and four earned runs.

The Demons who had been flawless the night before committed three errors in the game, and last season's SLC Hitter of the Year, Brandy Kenney, had a home run, two doubles and three RBI in the series.

The Demons only took one day off and came back on the fourth to split a double header with nationally ranked number 10 USL.

In game one, Demon pitchers Cheri McCoy (1-2) and Cindy Leggett (6-4) combined for a four-hitter in the 2-1 victory. McCoy got her first win as a Demon and Leggett picked up her first save of the year as she came out of the bullpen to retire three straight hitters.

Game two did not go the Demon's way though, as USL opened up on them for a 5-0 win. In neither game, however, did the Demons allow the Lady Cajuns to reach their average of seven runs per game.

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BEYOND THE ARC

By Rondray Hill

Okay, we all know by now.

And if you don't know, now you do.

Last week coach J.D. Barnett, after 5 seasons of coaching the Demon basketball team, resigned as the coach of the Demon squad. He finished his career here with a 55-79 record and never made it to the NCAA tournament. However, his team last year was the best team in 13 years at Northwestern. His team went 10-6 in conference and a second-place finish in the conference tournament.

Statistics have a way of boring us in the journalism world (and you too), So while reading the press release with my good buddies in the Current Sauce office, we noticed how Athletic Director Greg Burke said he would immediately start a "national search" for a new head coach.

But why look nationally. We've got plenty of homegrown talent here. In the office of the Sauce, we started to kick around the idea of who could replace coach Barnett. Some really good candidates popped out.

My choice would be former C.E. Byrd coach and now USL women's assistant Delbert Clinton. Okay, maybe I'm partial to Clinton because I am Byrd alumni, but his case has got to be stated. He led Byrd to state titles in 1994 and went to the Top 28 tournament twice after. He also led Byrd to within a free-throw of winning another state title in 1997.

Did I mention he was from Byrd?

In the meantime, Andrew Kolb (one of those "editor" guys) disagreed with my loyalties to Byrd and suggested Glen Oaks basketball coach Harvey Adger. Indeed, another good suggestion. Adger led Glen Oaks to many state titles and has been a coach at the high school level for around 20 years. Adger had the chance to become the LSU coach when Dale Brown left.

According to Kolb, Adger was "screwed".

And since we're on this loyalty kick, how 'bout throwing in St. Mary's boys and girls coach Johnnie Cox. Cox, the husband of Greek Life director (and one of my teachers) Reatha Cox, just led the St. Mary's Eagles to one of their best performances in school history, going to the quarterfinals of the girls state tournament, including a stunning upset of Class A state champs Arcadia last week.

As we discussed, sat around, and talked for a little longer, even more intriguing candidates came to mind. Kris Collinsworth suggested maybe bringing in Bobby Knight for "motivational purposes." I thought that we could raise tuition another $5,000 to pay for the salary of talking Dean Smith out of retirement (I then retracted that statement after I realized, one, that I didn't like North Carolina and, two, the University would probably use the $5,000 to fix the "1-million dollar mistake"). Greg Gelpi even thinks its possible to talk Phil Jackson out of retirement (believe me folks, we'll see the new IM building built before that ever happens).

So what have we accomplished with our late-night brainstorming? Nothing more than a really good editorial (I hope). But with the way the Demons finished this year, whoever the new coach may be should have a pretty easy time turning this team into a winner.

I think J.D. would agree to that.

Student Athlete of the Week

Buddy Proctor
Baseball

The junior first baseman hit two homers in the 2 game sweep against Sam Houston State this weekend. Proctor posted a 2 for 4 outing including a two run double. The Demons increase their record to 14-5 and 2-1 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
La. Tech
March 10@11 a.m.

Student Athlete of the Week

Sonya Bearden
Women's Basketball

The senior guard became the all-time career leader for three pointers in the Southland Conference. Bearden was an All-Tounament selection in the 90-77 championship loss to SFA. The Demons earned a postseason appearance in the WNTI.

Upcoming Home Contests
Women's Hoops
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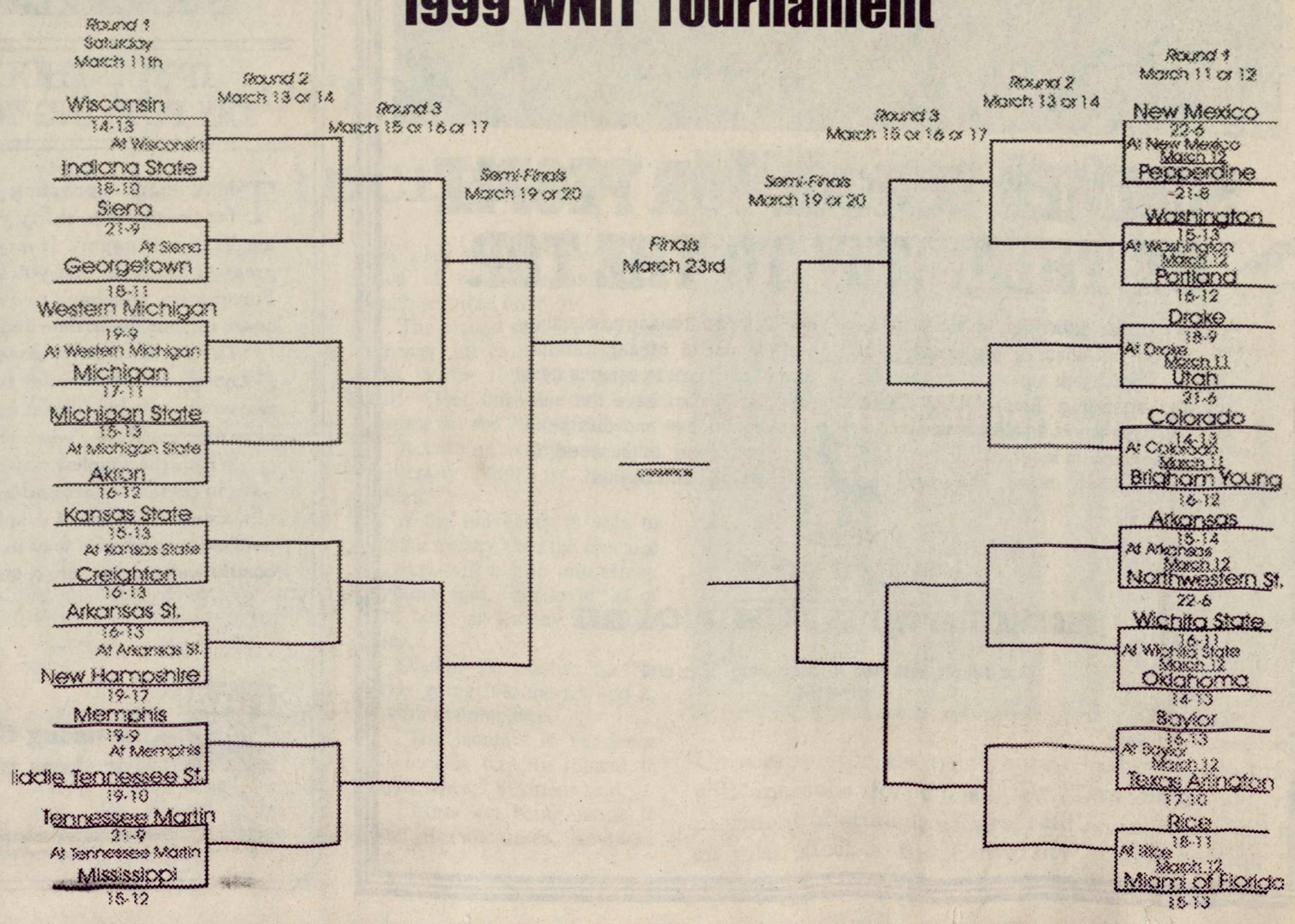

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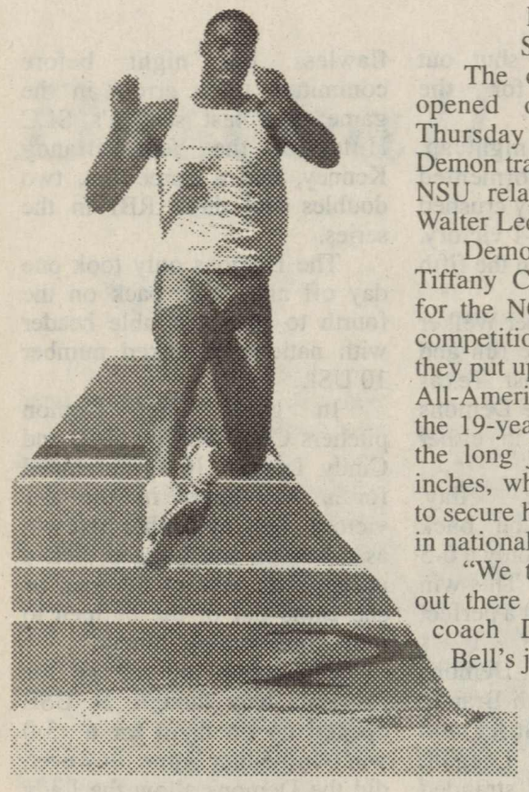
Outdoor track explodes at NSU



Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The outdoor track season opened on a positive note Thursday for many of the Demon track stars, as the annual NSU relays took place at the Walter Ledet track complex.

Demons Kenta Bell and Tiffany Cronnin both qualified for the NCAA Track and Field competition with the numbers they put up at the relays. Bell, an All-American long-jumper, tied the 19-year old school record in the long jump at 26 ft, 4 1/2 inches, which was good enough to secure him an automatic place in nationals.

"We thought he would get out there today," said womens coach Dean Johnson about Bell's jump.

"He has some even bigger jumps later this season, I beleive."

Cronnin broke the school record by triple-jumping to a mark of 41 ft, 6 inches. She also won the women's long jump at a length of 18 ft, 11 3/4 inches.

Cronnin became only the sixth female NCAA qualifier in the women's 13-year history at NSU.

The Lady Demons won all of the six field events. Tabitha Johnigan also doubled up with victories in the shot put and the discus, and Christin Carter took the high jump at 5 feet 5 inches. Regina Roe won the Javelin, winning with a distance of 136 ft, 2 inches.

The Lady Demons also dominated on the track. They won both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, with a time of 47.07 seconds and 3:58.23 respectivly. Christal Traylor won first in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:52 and Chante' Daily won the 800 meter in 2:25.

The women dominated every aspect of the event, as USL was the only other school to win more than one event. They only won 2.

The men grabbed 4 of the 7 field events, highlighted by Bell's long jump. Dustin Morrow won the Javelin event, throwing the javelin 202 ft 7 inches. Felipe Apablaza cleared the high jump bar at a height of 6 ft, 11 1/2 inches to win the high jump competition.

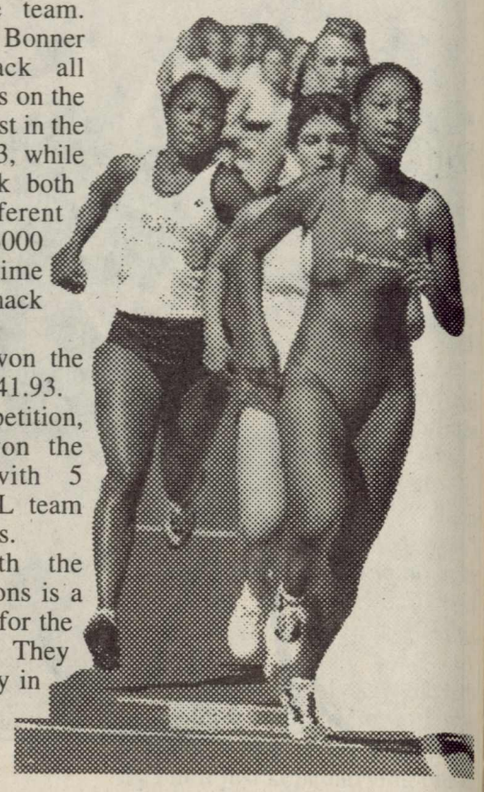
The Demons dominated the Triple Jump. Along with Bell's 1st place jump, the top 5 placers in the triple jump were all Demons, including Tyson Dillard, Kendrick Turner, Tony Taylor and Felipe Apablaza.

The Demons also won four out of the 11 track races to score a total of 8 victories in the event, the most by any one team. Hector Andujo, Robert Bonner and Robert McCormack all picked up individual wins on the track. Andujo finished first in the 1500 at a time of 4:06. 23, while Bonner and McCormack both won the 3000 in different events. Bonner won the 3000 steeplechase at a time 10:00.23 while McCormack won the 3000 in 9:06.46.

The Demons also won the 4x100 relay in a time of 41.93.

In the men's competition, Southwest Christian won the most track events with 5 victories, while the USL team scored a pair of field wins.

Up next for both the Demons and Lady Demons is a road trip to Texas A&M for the College Station Relays. They will be held this Saturday in College Station.



Bench-aThon offers Strongest Greek Contest

Kris Collinsworth
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Demons Football team will hit the weights again at the Intramural Building when they compete in the 2nd annual Bench-A-Thon.

An extra feature of the Bench-A -Thon this year will be the "Strongest Greek Contest."

"It is something we started last year when we got the championship rings," head football coach Sam Goodwin said. " The conference will pay so much for the rings and the ring our players wanted was more expensive."

The "Strongest Greek Award" will take one member of a fraternity and sorority and pit them in their own weightlifting contest.

The winner will receive their own plaque and a $50 cash prize.

"We did this to create a little excitement for our guys," Goodwin continued. "We also would like to have a good turnout. You can lift a lot more weights when you have a good crowd to cheer you on."

The Bench-A-Thon according to Goodwin serves two purposes. The first is the annual Trident Test, which the Bench-A-Thon is a part of. These tests show the athlete capabilities and include the 40-yard dash, squats and other tests.

The other is the cost of the rings.

"This will be interesting to see," Goodwin added. "Some of those guys could possibly outlift our guys."

Admission is free and is open to the public

Athletes will receive money in the form of pledge. Money dontations are also being accepted.

"We hope to have good crowd there," Goodwin added.

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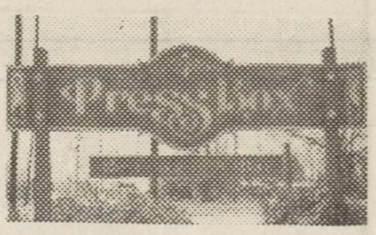

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Residents discuss fate of bridge

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Emotions were ruunning wild March 9 at a public meeting concerning the replacement of the Church Street Bridge.

Officials with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development were at the meeting to inform the community of the proposed plans and answer any questions.

The meeting was held in the main courtroom of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse on Church Street.

Many Natchitoches residents weren't pleased with the idea of altering the bridge.

"I do not want anything done to Front Street," Natchitoches Mayor Joe Sampite said.

Rep. Jimmy Long said the bridge is only part of the downtown area's traffic problem.

"That is indeed my position, I have advocated that for years," Long said. "The East Natchitoches Loop is the answer to the total problem."

Michele Deshotels, environmental impact program manager with DOTD, and other staff members from the road and bridge design section were at the meeting to clearly explain the technical aspects of the project and address any concerns the community may have.

"We're trying to get input," she said. "We're very early in the planning stages of the bridge."

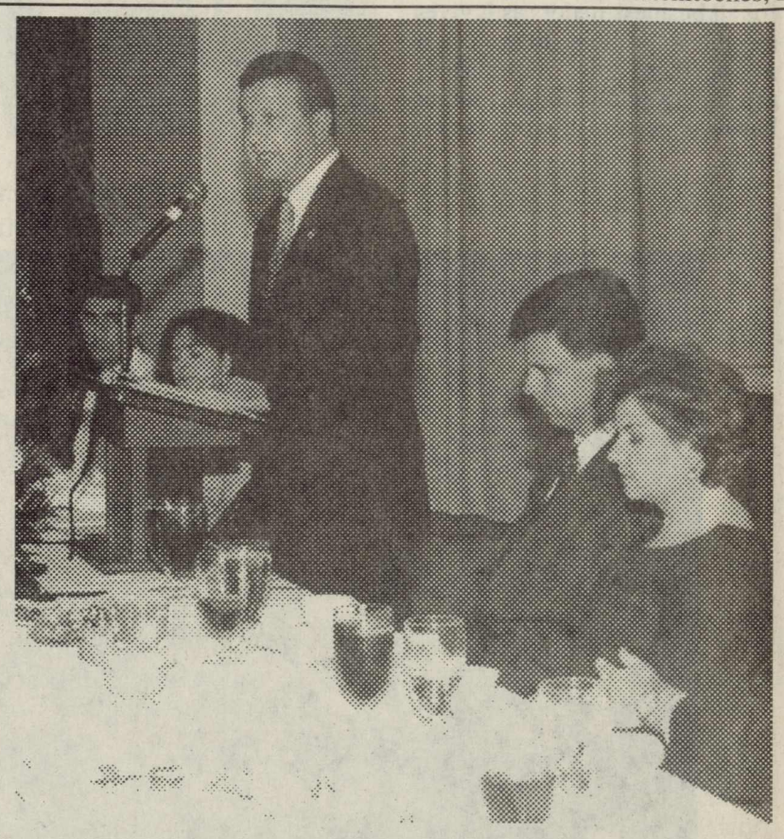
The replacement of the Church Street Bridge is tentatively scheduled for February 2003. Plans for the proposal call for two 11.8-feet-wide travel lanes; a 14.1-feet-wide continuous center turn lane; two 4-feet-wide shoulders and two 6-feet-wide sidewalks.

Ms. Deshotels said during construction, no temporary bridge will be built because motorists will use the Keyser Avenue Bridge as a detour bridge. By that time, construction taking place on Keyser Avenue should be complete.

DOTD officials said out of a suffiency rating of 100, the Church Street Bridge rates as a two. Bridges that rate 50 or below qualify for replacement under federal guidelines.

The Church Street Bridge was built in 1936, which places it within the required age of 50 years or older to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. However, decorative iron railing added to the bridge in 1989 makes it ineligible for the NRHP.

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) stated the bridge itself is not eligible for the NRHP due to its loss of integrity. However, the SHPO stated the proposed bridge will have a potential effect on the Natchitoches Historic District because of its length and alignment.



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Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Louisiana's commissioner of higher education, spoke to students and faculty at the 38th Annual Academic Honors Banquet Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Former sports star reaches out to the community

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Former professional basketball player Nikita Wilson is using his talents to win another kind of game -- keeping local children off the streets.

Wilson, who played with the Portland Trail Blazers in the late '80s, is the executive director of the North Street Boxing Club in Natchitoches, which serves as a haven for many young people every day after school.

The former Leesville Wampus Cat and LSU star spends every afternoon working with area children who are looking for something positive in their lives.

Wilson, who has been at the club since July, describes some of the children as "angry." The club allows young people a chance to work out their anger and frustrations through controlled physical activity such as boxing and basketball, rather than on another person.

"Boxing promotes responsibilities and discipline," Wilson said. "Physical activity helps your phsyical well-being as well as your mental well-being."

Even though he had no previous experience in boxing, Wilson knew about conditioning and what it takes to be successful in any sport. Through athletics, he tries to instill essential life skills in every child such as teamwork, respect and compromise.

However, boxing and other sports are not the only things offered to youths.

A character development class, tutor programs and weekly spelling bees are just a few of the many activities Wilson uses to enchance the lives of these children.

"We'll judge the club's success by how many of these children stay in school and graduate high school," he said.

Wilson believes he will see

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Correction

In last week's edition of *The Current Sauce*, the name of one of the staff reporters was left off a story.

Dana Gonzales, a staff reporter with *The Current Sauce*, contributed to the front page story on college dape rape.

The Current Sauce regrets the error.

'Luck of the Irish to you'

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday honoring Saint Patrick, the missionary credited with converting the Irish to Christianity.

According to historical sources, Saint Patrick was not actually Irish. Historical sources report that he was born around 373 AD in either Scotland or in Roman Britain under the name of Maewyn Succat.

At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland where he worked as a shepherd. During his six-year captivity, he began to have religious visions and finally escaped and went to France after voices in one of his visions told him where he could find a getaway ship. In France, he became a priest, changed his name to Patrick and later became a bishop.

When he was about 60-years-old, Saint Patrick traveled to Ireland to spread the Christian word. As part of his teaching, he used the shamrock of the Trinity (father, son, holy spirit).

His mission lasted 30 years. Saint Patrick died on March 17 in 461 AD That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. Different tales tell of his standing upon a hill, using a wooden staff to drive the serpents into the sea, banishing them forever from the shores of Ireland. Because the snake was a revered pagan symbol, this is believed to be a figurative tale alluding to the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland.

Aside from its history and legend, St. Patrick's Day is most commonly known for its good luck charms and traditions.

The color green is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it is a day when the Irish show their unity by the "wearing of the green" and because it occurs at the beginning of spring, when all turns green. Green is also a color connected with hope, nature and shamrocks.

Saint Patrick's reported use of the shamrock as an illustration of the Trinity led to its being regarded as the Irish national symbol: it is the national flower of Ireland.

Leprechauns are also associated with this holiday, although the reason "why" remains unknown.

Although March 17 is traditionally celebrated as a religious holiday in Ireland, in America St. Patrick's Day is basically a festive time to wear green and party.

The first American celebration of St. Patrick's Day was in Boston, Mass. in 1737. Today, major cities in at least 30 of the 50 states have St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations. The largest parade takes place each year in New York City.

All around the country, merchants sell decorative green hats, buttons, flowers, shamrocks and other items to make a "great day for the Irish." As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!"

People often celebrate this day by eating corned beef and cabbage, Irish Stew, Irish soda bread or mulligan stew. All of which are popular foods in Ireland.

Blessings are also popular in Ireland. Here's an Irish blessing to take with you: May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go. Wear green . Avoid pinchers.

To check out more St. Patrick's Day information, go to:
www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/1465/stpat.html

Foster to speak at Northwestern

News Bureau

Gov. Mike Foster will be the featured speaker at a luncheon March 22 at noon in the ballroom of the Friedman Student Union.

The event is co-sponsored by the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce.

During the luncheon, Foster will discuss his agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Foster was elected governor in 1995. He was the first businessman elected governor in recent Louisiana political history. Foster served in the Louisiana Senate from 1987 until 1995 representing St. Mary and Assumption parishes.

As a senator, he served on the Highways and Public Works, Transportation, Judiciary A and Commerce committees.

Foster grew up in Franklin and is a graduate of Franklin Senior High School. He later earned a degree in chemistry from Louisiana State University.

In 1986, after "becoming frustrated with the non-responsiveness of state government," Foster ran for the State Senate. After two terms in the Senate, Foster felt that he could get more accomplished if he were governor.

He is the second member of his family to serve the state as governor. His grandfather, Murphy J. Foster, was governor from 1892 until 1900.

Tickets for the luncheon are $12.

For more information on the luncehon, call the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce at 352-6894.

Will dorm prices increase?

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

Those students who live in the dorms have probably heard the rumor that prices are going up again.

Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said that rumor is not necessarily true.

The price of the residence halls did increase by $60 in the 1998-99 school year, and the health service fees increased $15. This increase is part of a three-year plan to get out of debt.

"The board of supervisors realizing that the University's systems budget was in the red asked the university last year what could be done" Seymour said. "We worked on it, and came up with a three years plan to get out of the red."

The first part of the three-year plan was the increase in price of residence halls and health services in 98-99.

The second step is a $75 per semester increase in residence halls in the 1999-2000 school year. The third is the same increase for the 2000-2001 year.

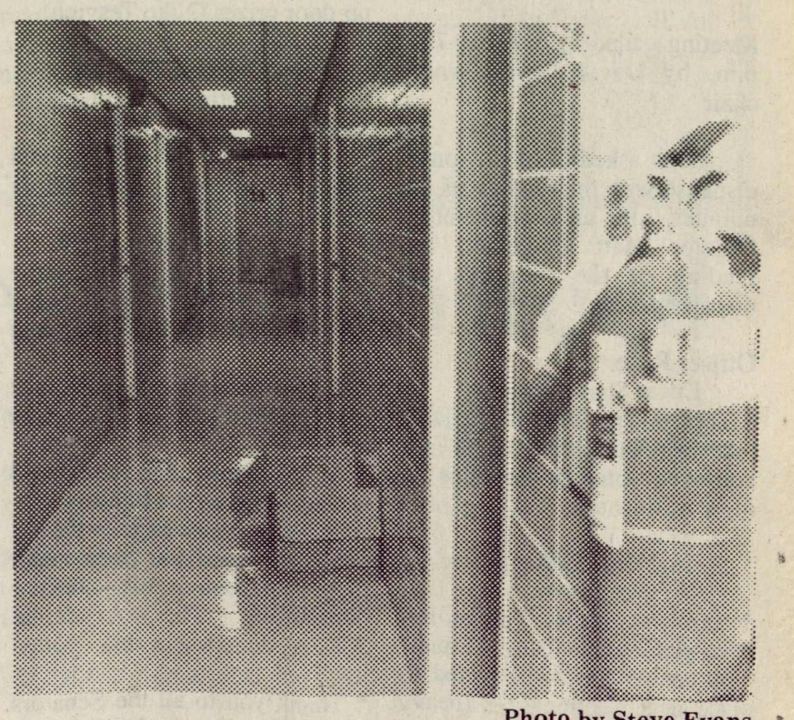
According to Seymour, "the University kept its options opened."

If the university is able to find the money, then the increase in prices will not go into effect, Seymour said. However, as of right now, no money has been found.

One of the reasons for the dorms going into the red has to do with maintenance.

"The increase in residence hall fees is directly related to maintenance," Seymour said.

Efforts are being made to avoid the increases, Seymour said.



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University officials aren't sure whether or not prices will increase for dorms. Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said an increase will not go into effect if the University is able to find the money.

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NSU alumni give 'lessons from athletics' during Porter Forum

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Several Northwestern alumni informed business majors of how principles in athletics can be used to make good leaders.

The alumni spoke to students during the 33rd annual J. Walter Porter Forum March 10, sponsored by the College of Business.

This year's focus was on "Excellence in Leadership: Some Lessons from Athletics."

The forum speakers were Don Fields, a personal trainer from Alexandria; Rick Huckaby, basketball coach from Holy Savior Menard High School; Lee Smith, retired pitcher from Major League Baseball; Doug Williams, football coach for Grambling State University.

The speakers talked about the skills learned in athletics and how they could be applied to the business world.

Don Fields started his lecture by asking "What kind of athlete are you?" Fields said that everyday in business is like everyday in athletics, "you have to adapt and overcome."

Lee Smith spoke fondly of his college career here at Northwestern.

"NSU helped me mold as a young man" said Smith.

In his lecture, Rick Huckaby said there were four kinds of powers that a person could use in athletics as well as in the area of business: personal power, technical power, reference power and position power.

Doug Williams said that in business and athletics "a person decides for themselves if they want to become a leader."

One NSU student found the forum not only informative but motivating.

"I think that the forum was an excellent opportunity not only for senior business majors but for all business majors as it gives insight into more than just a management or supervisory aspect," Kevin Brough, senior business administration major, said.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Several Northwestern alumni spoke to students at the 33rd J. Walter Porter Forum on March 10.

March Madness held in dorms

Tuesday will be "RA for the Day" and Bingo Night in Sabine Hall.

On Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, is "Dare to wear green today!" A self-esteem program will also be held.

A "How to have sex" seminar will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the south-west lobby of Sabine Hall.

A Shamrock hunt will be held all day Friday, with awards at 8 p.m.

Ballroom dancing will take place Saturday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the P.E. Majors Building.

Volleyball and kickball will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. at the field by Greek Hill.

For more information, call 357-5188.

Don't forget... get your green beer at Antoon's!! Happy St. Patrick's Day from the entire staff of *The Current Sauce*.

In addition, the first day of spring is March 20. Even though the past few days have been rather chilly, the vernal equinox heralds the first day of spring at precisely 7:46 p.m., CST.

Some spring holidays include Good Friday, April 2; Easter on April 4; Labor Day on May 1; NSU Graduation on May 7; Memorial Day, May 31.

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 1999-2000 school year (including 1999 summer session):

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, Argus (student literary magazine)
General Manager, KNWD (student radio station)

They can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 108 Kyser Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the same office by 4:30 p.m. April 17.

Potential applicants should check the 1999 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application.

Questions can be answered by calling Tom Whitehead, advisor of *The Current Sauce* and Potpourri, at 5213.

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SENATE MINUTES

Minutes from March 8

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Gunn, senate chair

Gunn asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. After an amendment by Senator Matt Comeaux, the reading of the minutes was dispensed.

Officer Reports:

Lucas Shaw, treasurer:
* Reports a print out is available although all the data is not compiled; come by his office for more information.

Angelique Duhon, vice president:
* Information for filings has been given to the Current Sauce.
* A banner has been priced to place near election sites (heavy duty-$72, light duty-$48).
* There is still no word from the state office on our election dates.
* Three senators are needed to work elections.
* Four senators are needed for breakfast with Dr. Webb.
* A volunteer is needed to round up door prizes (Niko Tesvich).

Luke Dowden, President:
* ITAC meeting is rescheduled for next Monday at 10a.m.
* Jamie Hughes...the traffic and safety committee meeting is tomorrow.
* We have the forum tonight.
* Please remember the rest of the week's activities.
* There are four bills on the table tonight.
* Please remember your times for tomorrow and In Your Face day.
* In the library, Dr. Ada Jarod needs help with the lighting.
* Dr. Webb wants to go to the old calendar. There has been much discussion within the calendar committee. The Academic Affairs department has gotten involved.
* Thank you to all the Senators who helped spread the word about in your face.
* Caron Chester has resigned.
* John Conde is my next appointment.

Committee Reports

Academic:

External: Do not forget the radio show.

Internal: We are reviewing hours, please do not forget to write them down.

Club Sports: Meeting tomorrow at noon. We have seen much support for rugby.

Fiscal: We are in the process of amending some bills. Attendance has been 100 percent.

Student: Do not forget the meeting this week.

SAB non-voting member: Cowboy mouth is performing with Spank the Monkey. Agent got them cheap. Collier Daily will perform at the Coffee house series. The Spring Fling motto is "Spring into the Millennium."

Grant Committee: We will meet tonight.

Old Business:
SP99-008 (minimal discussion)
Passed

SP99-009
Failed

SP99-010
Passed

New Business:
Motion made to approve John Conde as the newest member of the Senate.
Approved

Special Reports:

Captain Jason Ingargiola, of Crew, presented a report on behalf of the rest of the team in order to keep SGA apprised of their situation before they come to the Senate for more money later in the semester. Reports are that the team is doing well, they have been fundraising like crazy and they have a busy schedule ahead of them with competitions for the next three weekends.

Meeting adjourned promptly after the report.

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a high success rate, but it will mean having to push these children to a higher level and inflicting a little tough love.

He knows firsthand about being pushed to do his best. He credits his basketball coach at Leesville High School for seeing raw potential and helping him develop it.

He said he never dreamed he could be a basketball star, so he never had the drive to be the best.

"Young people don't know their potential. They want to stay in that comfort zone."

He said if a person has the courage and the heart, there's no limit to what can be accomplished.

Wilson admits he is tough on the children and cuts them no slack. If they fight or disrupt the club, they are forced to leave -- no exceptions.

Wilson said it's not always easy to be so tough, especially when he puts names with faces and forming a personal attachment to each child.

"These children almost become your children," Wilson said.

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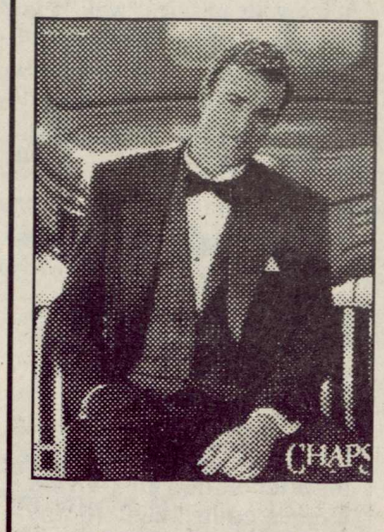

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Briefs

Man may get off light for bomb joke

SHREVEPORT (From Wire Reports) -- Robert W. Hales says he was only joking when he told a Shreveport Regional Airport ticket agent last month he had a bomb.

The 47-year-old Pineville man may be given a break on a charge punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

"If he simply made a stupid mistake, we may want to look at something less than that serious felony charge," Caddo District Attorney Paul Carmouche said. "We'd have to look to see what else might apply."

Hales's remark on Feb. 14 forced the evacuation of the airport. He was booked in the city jail for false communication of a planned arson and released on bond.

Carmouche says he wants to reserve his opinion on how he'll proceed until he gets the investigative reports. Hales's first court appearance is scheduled for March 31.

Hales made the remark when a ticket agent routinely inquired if anyone had asked him to carry an item aboard his flight, bomb squad commander Chief David Glass said.

Hales could get far less punishment that the maximum if convicted of the original charge.

Death penalty sought in slaying of Shreveport man

MANSFIELD (From Wire Reports) -- Prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Michael Taylor and Timothy Taylor if they are convicted of killing a Shreveport car salesman at the start of a multi-state crime spree.

Michael Taylor and Timothy Taylor, both 20 and not related, are charged with first-degree murder in the Jan. 7 death of Chester Howell, 56. The Taylors are accused of killing Howell during a test ride of a sports car, and stealing the vehicle.

DeSoto Parish District Attorney Don Burkett filed court documents this week in Mansfield indicating his intent to seek the death penalty. Burkett said he made the decision after reviewing evidence and discussing the case with Howell's relatives.

Investigators say Howell's murder launched a nine-day rampage through seven states. The odyssey included a bank robbery in Lamoni, Iowa, a town of 2,300 on the Missouri border, and an exchange of gunfire that left Lamoni Police Chief Dale Killpack with an eye injury.

The pair was arrested Jan. 15 at a border station in Laredo, Texas, during an unsuccessful attempt to flee into Mexico.

Clinton thanks his defenders

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (From Wire Reports) -- President Clinton, careful to express contrition and avoid gloating after his acquittal, began this weekend to publicly thank those who stood up for him throughout the impeachment process.

In his remarks at a pair of fund-raisers for Democratic Rep. Max Sandlin in Texarkana, Texas, on Friday, Clinton directly linked his appearance to Sandlin's support when the House voted to impeach the president.

NSU plays host to Literary Rally

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

High School students from area high schools visited the university's campus on Saturday to compete in the High School Literary Rally.

The Literary Rally is an annual, statewide, academic competition held in order to allow high school students and schools to compete against each other in academic tests. Students are eligible to win individual awards and schools are eligible to win the Sweepstakes award.

The university holds the Northwest Louisiana High School Literary Rally and is the only school that allows students to participate in three tests, rather than just one. Students may compete in 43 different academic areas. The areas range from various high school courses, math courses, agriculture courses, family and consumer science courses, and business courses. Students may be eligible to receive scholarships if they place in the State Literary Rally.

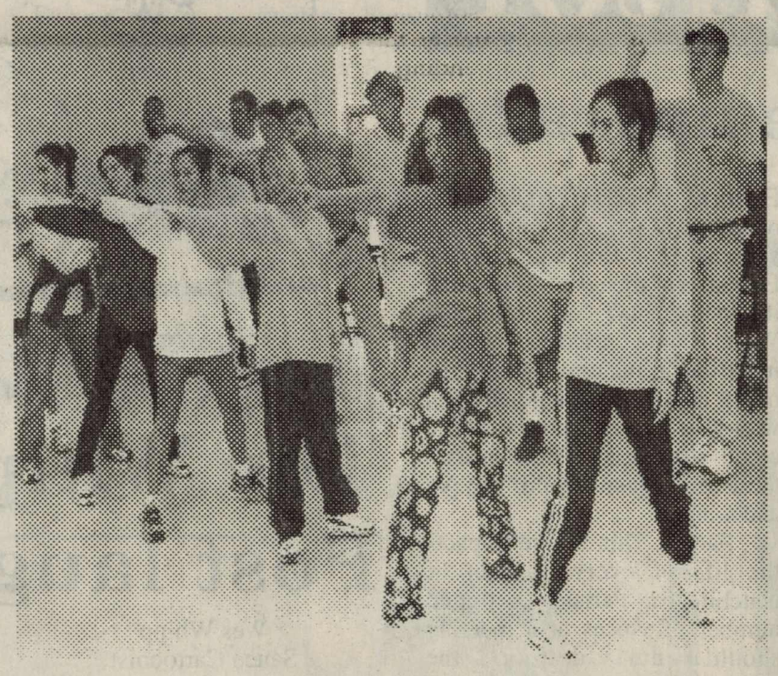
The Literary Rally is a joint venture with the Office of Counseling and Career services, the testing center, and the computer center. The Office of Couseling and Career Services coordinates the times of the events, which classrooms the tests will be held, collects dues from schools, and sets up the deadlines. The computer center compiles how many students will be taking the tests, they provide the answer sheets and they also score the tests. The testing center provides copies of the tests and helps the Career and Counseling office set up times for the tests.

The tests are made up each year by the different state institutions that participate in the Rally competition. The institutions rotate their subjects each year. This year Northwestern made all of the Social Science tests for the competition and sent the tests to all of the participating institutions.

"We made five tests that went out to all of the districts," Coordinator of the Literary Rally, Jennifer Maggio said. "We rotate off each year, they will call me and say 'Hey we need someone to make this area.'"

"I think its a wonderful opportunity, for not just Counseling and Career Services, but the housing office, auxiliary services, computer center, testing center, and of course, all of the academic departments." Maggio added. "It is a university wide effort to market Northwestern to area high school students."

The winners of this Literary Rally will soon travel to Baton Rouge for the State Literary Rally to be held sometime in April.



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The 1999 Freshmen Connectors practic their routine for their trip to "SROW," a workshop in North Carolina where orientation leaders from across the country are trained to help other students.

Shellie Blanchard
Senior Art Exhibit
March 20-26
Opening will be March 20 from 1-3 p.m. in the Closet Gallery on the second floor of the Creative and Performing Arts Building.

Campus Connections

Career Day: The NSU Shreveport campus will be holding a career day April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium.

Student Government Association: Meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sport please call 357-4501 or 357-1305

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Mid-term grades: Students may pick up their mid-term grades March 18 and 19 in the Student Union in the Student Union lobby from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students must have a picture ID to receive their grades. Students can pick up their grades in the Registrar's Office March 24 and 25. Grades will not be available after March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Financial Aid: The Financial Aid Office will be closed March 24 for a staff training session.

Sigma Gamma Rho: There will be many activities for "The Week of Splendor." Today is "Treats for Kids." On Wednesday, "Sisterhood and Brotherhood Day" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in front of the Student Union. All Greeks are invited to attend. Thursday is "Ribbon Day." Everyone is encouraged to wear blue and gold and to get pinned by a member of Sigma Gamma Rho. Friday is "Senior Citizen Appreciation Day."

Sociology Club: A meeting will be held March 24 at 3:30 p.m. in room 305 of Kyser Hall. During the meeting, there will be election of officers for 1999-2000 and information on senior practicum and certification. Refreshments will be served.

Health and Human Performance Club: The first "Almost Anything Goes" will be held April 7 in the Physical Education Majors Gym from 3-5 p.m. as part of Spring Fling activities. Teams should be composed of six people with at least two girls or two boys on a team. The registration fee is $10 and should be turned in as soon as possible to the Health and Human Performance Club located in the P.E. Majors Building Office.

Panhellenic and IFC: A St. Patrick's Day picnic will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the ROTC field. Wear your T-shirts. Free food will be provided, and bring your own drink.

Phi Beta Lambda: Members of Phi Beta Lambda have joined efforts with the March of Dimes to raise money at the 1999 Natchitoches WalkAmerica on April 24. Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised goes directly into research, education and programs in your own community and all across the country to help build a brighter future. Registration will take place March 16 and 17 in the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To find out more information on how an organization can participate in this year's walk, have a representative contact Dr. Walter Creighton at 357-5704 or any Phi Beta Lambda member.

Phi Mu: Phi Mu would like to congratulate its new members. We have many exciting events this week. Remember to sell your chocolate bars. Also remember to attend the Kappa Alpha- Phi Mu trash pick-up on March 16, the Greek picnic March 17 and the Kappa Sigma See-saw-a-thon on Friday. Finally, Phi Mu State Day will be held March 20. We would also like to congratulate the ladies who made Purple Jackets. Have a wonderful week.

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

Numinous: Numinous is The Society for Nature-Based Spirituality. We are an organization for networking with others belonging to nature-based spiritualities and provide a forum for safe, open-minded discussion about all nature-based spiritualities. If interested, please e-mail at marshdragon@hotmail.com.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Election Filings: Filings for the SGA's spring elections will open March 15 at 8a.m. and close March 26 at noon. There will be 15 senator-at-large positions available as well as SGA president, vice-president and treasurer positions. A refundable $10 campaign fee is required for anyone filing. Elections will be held April 14-15.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

Spring Fling activities announced

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Students in search of a no cost good time will soon get their chance, as the Students Activities Board gets set to host its annual Spring Fling, to be held April 6-16.

This year's theme is "Spring into the Millennium."

This year's highlight is the two bands Spank the Monkey and Cowboy Mouth. Special Events Chairperson, Emily Tracy, is happy the bands are coming to the University.

"I've seen them both and they are awesome," Tracy said. "I love 'em.' "

The concert will be on April 8. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. General admission will be $10 and tickets can be picked up in advance in the lobby of the student union. Students get in free with college ID.

Student Activities President Ryan Scofield said this year's Spring Fling will be different compared to last year.

"When students participate in the events, they will get something out of it," Scofield said. "There will be new and different novelties."

Scofield and Tracy believe that "Spring into the Millennium" will be a hit with the students.

"We've done lots of PR (public relations) around campus and received a lot of positive feedback from the students," said Tracy.

Liz Carrol, adviser of the Student Activities Board, says the students have worked hard to cover every avenue possible to make "Spring into the Millennium" a success.

"The students need to give us a chance, come out and have a good time" said Carrol.

All "Spring into the Millennium" activities are free to NSU students with a college ID.

Spring Fling Activities

April 6: Songfest in Magale Recital Hall—6:30 p.m.
April 7: Brown Bag Lunch with NSU Jazz Band in Student Union courtyard— noon to 1:30 p.m. (students bring their own brown bag lunch).
"Almost Anything Goes" fun and games in P.E. Majors Building—3-5 p.m.
April 8: Spank the Monkey and Cowboy Mouth
April 12: Hypnotist Bob Lane in ballroom—7 p.m.
April 13: Comedian Hood in ballroom—7 p.m.
April 14: Mud Volleyball at Tarlton Field—2 p.m.
April 15: Bingo in Ballroom—8 p.m.
April 16: Crawfish boil with novelty acts and two bands: Red Elvises and Jen Cohen.

Opinions

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The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

I am beginning to believe that a more appropriate title for this column would be, "The Chronological Account of Campus Activity as Pertaining to the Experiences Incurred by Me." However, as we all know, this is much too lengthy of a title, and (above all else) one should never admit to being narcissistic at the onset!

In the spirit of articles past, this column will (once again) express a concern that I have at this point in my collegiate tenure. For those of you either behind or ahead of my particular positioning, you can no doubt have fun with this column as well, seeing as how it is fun to count the typos. Whatever your reason may be for following along....away we go.

I am the product of the union of two very sound business entities (I know them as Mom and Dad). My father is now a General Manager in a very large retail chain, and my mother has taken a stab at many corporate and entrepreneurial settings while raising three children (for those of you who do not believe that working mothers are the mother of all moonlighters....think again).

I have been put through thousands of corporate style mock interviews, beginning somewhere around the third grade, in an effort to put me in the upper echelon of those entering the work force. I am finally here....and, quite frankly, if I am forced to listen to another Human Resources travelling salesman tell me the same things I have heard since I was eight years old I am going to go postal!

Do not misunderstand, I believe firmly in gathering all of the information you can, and that which becomes redundant should serve as reinforcement upon one's own philosophy and value system.

However, it appears to me that, as my class approaches graduation, a wave of augmenting panic begins to instill itself as an integral part of the general mind-set of all those who might begin to see that preparation should have begun (at least) four years ago.

These crash-course seminars are designed to give you "all the right answers" to possible questions asked during a job interview. This is fine and dandy except for one part.

You should indeed be prepared for these interviews, and these sessions have undoubtedly assisted many-a-graduating senior. However, knowing what to say is not the same thing as knowing what to expect or knowing what you want.

Letter from the Opinions Editor

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

Truth. It's an unusual thing.

For some, truth is the key to freedom, while truth imprisons others.

Regardless of the group that you may find yourself in, truth is objective. No one can debate truth.

Unfortunately, though, truth can be difficult to discern at times. Life provides no instruction manual dictating truth.

Despite this, one thing is for certain. Just like the Boogie Man, when you least expect it, truth will be there leaping from the shadows.

In fact, as you read this feeble attempt at coherent thought, truth is watching you.

So, what am I getting at?

There are few guarantees in this world. I won't even guarantee that I understand where I am going with this line of reasoning.

Truth is guaranteed.

On your search for truth, I strongly caution you to beware of those claiming to know what truth is.

For instance, simply because a University official asserts a claim, does NOT constitute truth.

Question constantly and accept no answer without strict criticism.

No, I'm not saying that I have magically discovered truth.

To illustrate my point, just look at really shy people, the ones that may say very little, but always seem to be thinking a great deal.

On the surface, it may appear that these individuals know next to nothing or at least have nothing that they wish to say.

Is that the truth?

When police question friends of serial murders, the typical response seems to be, "So and so was such a quiet person."

I'm in no way implying that the quiet guy who always sits behind you in psych class is a prime candidate for America's Most Wanted.

As the intro to *X-Files* ominously states, "The truth is out there."

Let me try my best to tie together all of these random thoughts in a nice little conclusion.

Like it or not, there exists something higher than one person's interpretation or another's view of something.

Don't settle for what someone passes off as truth. Looks can be deceiving.

Go out and seek the truth for yourself.

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Letter to the Editor

Hysteria, not facts may kill bridge upgrade

Once again, those opposed to the development of roadways in Natchitoches have spoken from hysteria, not fact, at a public hearing concerning the replacement of the Church Street Bridge.

I write in support of the Department of Transportation and Development's (DOTD) plan to replace the bridge because the facts are on their side. I urge each of you to clip this article and write simply "I agree with this article" and mail it to DOTD immediately. I will provide the address shortly, but first the facts.

Fact 1. The bridge is crumbling and must be replaced. On a scale from 1-100, with 1 being the worst and 100 the best, the Church Street Bridge is a 2. Mr. Tony Ducote told Sharon Gahagan that to repair the bridge is virtually impossible, and anyone attempting to repair the bridge would ultimately end up replacing the entire structure.

Fact 2. If we are going to have a bridge in the downtown area which is safe for automobile traffic, we have two basic choices: accept DOTD's proposal or raise local taxes to support the building of a new Church Street Bridge.

Use of Federal and State dollars will require the bridge to be brought up to standards for the volume of traffic currently on the bridge. This means that it must be a three lane bridge, if we are going to receive Federal and State funds to correct problems to the bridge.

The Federal Government is putting up 80 percent and the State 20 percent of the cost to repair this bridge. We should incur no cost in new local taxes. We deserve to have some of those tax dollars we pay return to improve our city.

Fact 3a. If we kill the necessary replacement of the bridge, local tax payers will be asked to pay the bill for its replacement. That is the only way to replace the bridge without making the required widening at least three lanes.

Fact 3b. The historic district is not in jeopardy of losing it's National Historic District Status.

I contacted Donna Fricker, of the State agency which oversees historic register applications. Her comments to me did not seem to support any claims that Natchitoches would lose its Federal recognition. She told me that to be removed from the National Register would require a lengthy hearing process. Removal would be based on whether or not the district in question "lost those qualities which made it eligible in the first place."

The landmark status is based most significantly on the buildings and Front Street. A quality bridge with some assurances that it will blend with the downtown charm is not a threat, let alone a serious threat to our Historic District. (Note too that 80 percent of the funding is to come from the Federal Government, and that part of their requirements for approving funding is an "Environmental Impact Study." Part of the environment is the Historic District, so I assure you that the Historic District's status is not in jeopardy.

Fact 3c. The bridge, which is only a little over sixty years old, is not a historic landmark. It IS a conveyance of traffic in and out of the downtown area.

Fact 4. The combined efforts of the City Council, the Tourist Commission and the Historic organizations are focused to bring a Convention Center and a new hotel to the downtown area. The argument that the increased traffic flow into the downtown area is a reason not to build the new bridge seems a little two-faced. It seems that the whole idea of having a Historic District is so that people will come in larger numbers to share our history.

Fact 5. Buses bringing tourists to our city cannot safely negotiate the existing structure, yet when the Convention Center opens, more buses, vans and cars will be entering the downtown area.

Fact 6. The alignment of the bridge with St. Clair will remove an unsafe intersection from the City. Some argue this will increase the traffic on St. Clair. I would contend that new construction on the east end of St. Clair has already increased traffic. The alignment of the bridge will only reduce the traffic congestion and potential "road rage" caused by long waits while trying to get through the intersection at Williams and St. Clair.

Fact 7. Public safety in general will benefit. We must ignore the image of easy ambulance access to the bridge given in the movie "Steel Magnolias." The reality is that trapped emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire and police) lose life saving moments in bridge congestion. This translates directly into higher insurance costs to you as an individual citizen and higher taxes as the city deals with liability claims.

Fact 8. The buildings of the Historic District, if a fire occurred, would need the assistance of fire units on the East side of the river. Currently, if such a blaze occurred and West side assets were insufficient, the units of the East might confront a bridge clogged with traffic. Until all the traffic could be backed off the bridge, these firefighters could only sit and watch.

Fact 9. This bridge impacts the life of every resident of Natchitoches Parish. A limited number of voices at a meeting should not destroy the opportunity for Natchitoches Parish to advance. I do not doubt the sincerity of those who oppose the bridge. The Historic Preservationists have taken some important stands to preserve our heritage in the past. This time the facts simply do not support either their stated opposition to the bridge or their objectives to promote tourism to our Historic District.

I, therefore, urge each and every one of you on the basis of the facts, NOT hysteria, to clip this article and mail it immediately to Mr. Tony Ducote, LA DOTD, Post Office Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9245. We only have until March 18 to voice our support of the new bridge. Remember to write "I agree with this article" and include your name and address. If you don't support a new bridge, it will cost you safety, convenience and increases in tax and insurance rates.

Mr. John Foster
Associate Professor of Speech and Communications

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp

"Here's your resume. I suggest you buy some lottery tickets and hope for the best."

The Whipping Post laughs out

Wes Whipp
Sauce Cartoonist

I couldn't help but chuckle to myself as I caught wind that we are paying two amateur bands $16,000 to play at NSU. The bands are probably laughing too...all the way to the bank!

I just wanted to pass on to my fellow students that you can catch them live and at no charge in Lafayette on St. Patrick's Day at the Bennigan's parking lot. Heck, I would play for $19.99 and could save everyone a whole bundle of money. But then again I don't have a band called "Spank the Monkey" to attract thousands of college masturbaters. Other bands we could have hired for less money include:

"Choke the Chicken", "Hum the Knob", "Squeezing the Tomato", "Buffing the Banana",, "Pounding on the Flounder", "Mr. Lizard's Shaking Bacon Band", "Waxing the Carrot", (Insert own line here) "_____".

Really now...who decided to hire these bands? I don't remember voting on it. I don't remember filling out a survey of bands I wanted to hear. If I had a vote it would have gone to hiring The Backstreet Boys. Now there is money well spent. Tee hee, tee hee.

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love,

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(Remember, this is just an example don't get your panties in a wad.)

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Natchitoches nightlife: what's out there?

Jennifer Stephens
Staff Reporter

Anyone who is feeling the pressures of the semester and needs to get out to have some fun should consider experiencing the night life of Natchitoches.

Some popular places include clubs like The Student Body, Yesterday's and the Pinnacle.

The Student Body has been a favorite of Northwestern students for years. It offers a large dance floor and bar along with pool tables.

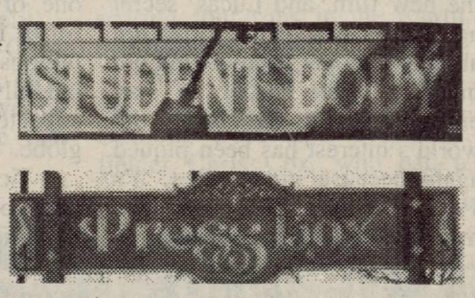
Drink specials include dollar well drinks until 11 pm on Wednesday through Saturday, and on Thursday night ladies get in and drink free until 11 pm. The Student Body is located on the by-pass accross from the Cotton Patch.

The newest of the bunch is the Pinnacle, which opened last spring. This club provides people with what seems like two bars in one. One side is a place where people can relax, listen to the jukebox and play pool. On the other side is the dance floor, and typical dance music is played.

"For the last couple of Wednesday's we've been closing down the dance floor to provide people with a different atmosphere," bartender Gant Gremillion said.

Aside from the usual student crowd, people also come from out of town to visit. "Here you have a chance to meet people from everywhere, like Fort Polk and Leesville," Gremillion said. "Weekends are probably our best nights because people are coming from out of town."

Thursday night at the Pinnacle is also ladies night. They get in and drink free until 11:00, and it is also the night for penny pitchers. Some of the nightly specials are dollar shots and dollar wells. The Pinnacle is also located on the by-pass, near the Ryder Inn.



At Yesterday's you will find that the people are a relatively close-knit bunch. Most of the people there are regulars who are there every single night.

One of the more popular nights at Yesterday's is Thursday night, which is Tiki Bowl night. Other specials include Wednesday night's Drinkin' with Lincoln and Friday night's dollar shots. It is open from 8:00pm until 2:00am, and the cover charge is $5.00 on Wednesday for all you can drink. Yesterday's can be found across from Brookshire's.

If you are in the mood to hear a live band, check out Beaudion's Pizza. Every Friday night you can hear Jackal Armadillo. Other bands who visit on a fairly regular basis include Child and Roque's Blues Band.

"We'll have a lot of bands coming in before summer, so everyone should come check them out," waitress Amy Haney said.

Beginning in two weeks, Beaudion's will have open mic night for musicians every Thursday night.

If you are planning to start your evening a little early, try the Press Box on Rapides Drive. Several specials are availabe throughout the week: Tuesday night is "Big C" hamburger night , Wednesday night is two for one pitchers and Thursday is drinkin' with Lincoln, where you pay a five dollar cover charge and drink free well drinks all night.

A few more places to check out are Illuminations, the Cove and JJ's Dance Hall and Lounge, which has karyoki.

"I know a lot of people anywhere I go, so I go to different bars for different reasons: Yesterday's because there is a smaller crowd (regulars) that's real close, the 'body' because I can bump into a lot of people I know and then bump into others I don't know and the 'Press Box' because of the pool and everybody there is really cool to just hang out with," Ben Scroggs, senior journalism major, said.

"I usually go to the Body because that's where most of my friends are, but we usually drink at Yesterday's," Josh Beavers, sophomore journalism major, said.

There's something for everyone out there. If you are feeling stressed or just want to have a good time, go see what it's all about.

Changes in latitude, changes in attitude

Students discuss where they plan to go for spring break '99

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

Although Natchitoches is in the midst of a late winter cold snap, students are having thoughts of sunny beaches and warm tropical nights.

Spring break is less than two weeks away and many students are in the final stages of planning spring break trips.

The traditional spot for Northwestern students has been Panama City, Florida. This popular spring break destination is about 12 hours from Natchitoches.

"This is my first spring break," Jennifer Paul, freshman, said. "I'm really excited to be getting out of Natchitoches and going to Panama City."

Panama City is known across the United States as a popular spring break destination for college students from the east coast and southeast, and therefore, draw many promotional events and entertainment. This year the Sports Illustrated Campusfest tour will be in Panama. Other promotional events are sponsored by MTV every year in Panama.

Another vacation spot that is gaining popularity for spring break is South Padre Island, Texas. Last year, over 125,000 students visited South Padre in the month of March.

"I've never been to South Padre, but everyone who I have talked to about it (South Padre) says it is a blast," Wes Whipp, junior, said.

One of South Padre's attractions is it's close proximity to Mexico, where the drinking age is 18. Mexico is only 30 miles from South Padre, and daily bus tours are available. South Padre also offers promotional events, such as free concerts sponsored by Coca-Cola every weekend in March. This year's headline band is Motley Crue.

South Padre is approximately the same distance from Natchitoches as Panama City.

Other students have taken the opposite approach to spring break, though. Instead of traveling south for warmer weather, they are headed to colder climates. Many students use spring break as a last chance to snow ski before the spring melt. Senior Dave Sullivan, for instance, is headed to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to snow board.

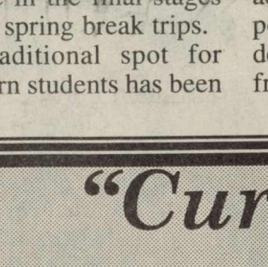
"I snowboarded a lot when I lived over seas, but this is the first chance I've had to go in America," Sullivan said.

The one downside to spring break trips is the expense for already historically poor college students. However, this does not stop some students.

"I'm going to be in the hole when I get back, but you only live once," Whipp added.

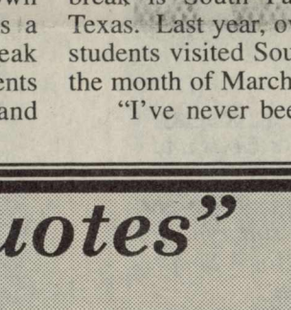
"Current Quotes"

"What do you think of the SAB's choices for the spring concert?"



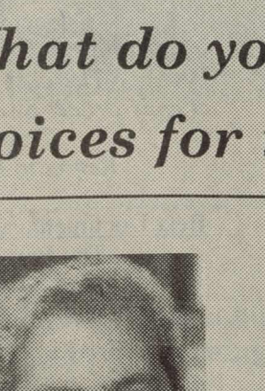
"I like Cowboy Mouth.They've always been good, but Spank the Monkey is new to me. The name is cool, lets see what they sound like."

Roy Doyle
Freshman

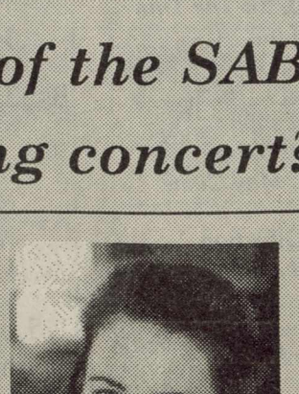


"I think that the SAB did a great job on selecting bands for the spring concert. I think that they will draw a big crowd."

Amanda Killingsworth
Sophomore



"I have heard of Cowboy Mouth and have been told great things about them from my friends. I have never heard them, but I am excited to see the concert."
Jennifer Price
Junior



"I do not feel that I was well informed of my choices. I do not think that the bands selected represent the diversity of the campus as a whole."

Jerry McKinney
Senior

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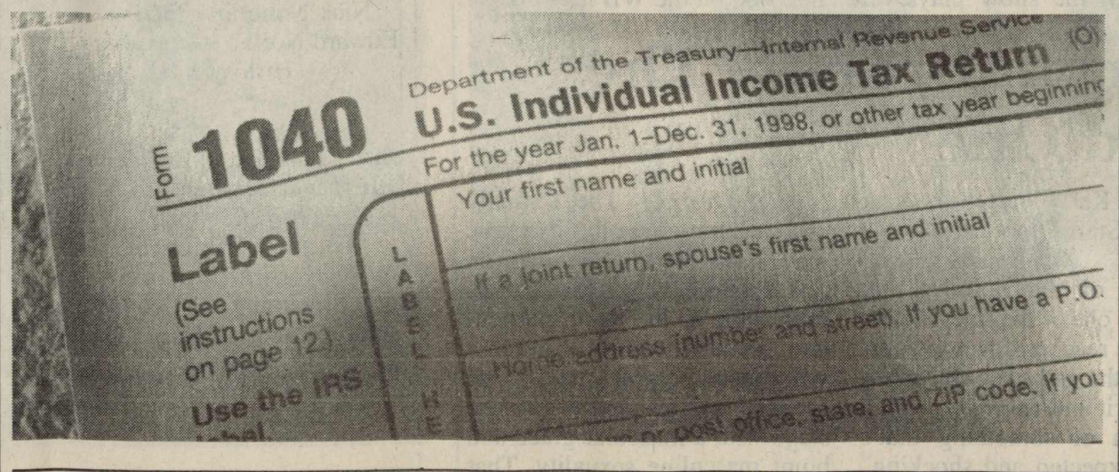

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After six years, *The Phantom Menace* is almost upon us

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Twenty-two years ago, writer/director George Lucas changed the face of motion pictures with the film *Star Wars*. It was the ultimate story of good versus evil and it gave us such unforgettable characters as the pure evil Dark Lord of the Sith Darth Vader and the brash and cocky smuggler Han Solo. The film was unlike anything that had ever been seen and instantly acquired the status of an epic.

With the success of *Star Wars* (becoming the all-time highest grossing movie ever, at the time, and receiving 11 Academy Award nominations) Lucas set out to make a sequel. And in 1980, *The Empire Strikes Back* was born. *Empire*, unlike its predecessor, was dark, and it ended with our heroes, Luke, Leia, Han and others in one of the biggest and darkest situations to ever grace the silver screen.

After *Empire* came *Return of the Jedi,* and although not as superior as its counterparts to many, *Jedi* tied everything together and showed the redemption of the evil Darth Vader and the prevalence of the Rebel Alliance in their war against the Empire. More over, *Jedi* put home the very essence of the *Star Wars* Trilogy, that is to know the difference between good and evil and to follow an essence higher than ourselves (i.e. the Force in the trilogy).

Now, in 1999, with *Star Wars* embedded in our culture so much that if someone was to admit they had never seen the "Holy" trilogy they would invoke a look of shock and awe from their peers, George Lucas has gone back to a time long ago in a galaxy far, far away with the first of three new *Star Wars* films in *Episode I: The Phantom Menace.*

When Lucas announced in 1993 that he was going back to the *Star Wars* universe, the world was ecstatic. But, the oh-so long away release date of May 1999 seemed like an eternity. People seemed to quickly forget about the new film, and Lucas' secret agent tactics to keep information about the movie from getting out made it even harder to stay enthused. But recently, the world's interest has been piqued again because guess what, it's 1999 and in a little over two months *The Phantom Menace* will debut across the world.

And the world is ready.

According to the *Star Wars* Countdown Page on the internet, national and international fans alike are planning to form lines a month in advance so that they will be assured to see the film first. This is no ludicrous rumor, one of the lines will begin to form in front of the world-famous Mann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood and from there it is expected to spread across the globe.

Ticket sales for the new film are expected to smash the record $600 million domestic take of *Titanic*. More so the largest opening weekend take of $74 million, held by *The Lost World,* is also expected to tumble at the might of the *Menace.*

Fans who do go should not be disappointed, not only because of the cutting edge special effects that will surely win an Oscar or of the all-star cast, Liam Neeson and Samuel L. Jackson to name a few, but because the magic will be back. The magic that inspired a generation of people all over the globe and changed the way we look at movies forever.

Sitcom relates to college life

Elona Boggs
Staff Reporter

If anyone has not been watching the new hit drama *Felicity,* they have been missing out. The show has been a success ever since it aired last fall. Over seven million people watched the sitcom's pilot premiere on the WB, and those numbers are still strong. The show is praised by critics and its star, Keri Russell, won a Golden Globe for best performance by an actress in a TV drama. That is pretty impressive for a freshman sitcom.

Russell plays Felicity Porter, the main character of the show. Felicity is an impulsive and naive college freshman testing her wings of independence. The plot is centered around her decision to sacrifice a pre-med scholarship to Stanford University in order to follow her high school crush cross-country to New York University.

However, after enrolling, she finds that he is not interested in her the way she had hoped. Ultimately, the show plays off Felicity's struggle to find her true self as well as the complexities of entering adulthood. (Something we all can relate to.)

In addition, *Felicity*'s supporting cast cannot be ignored. Noel Crane (Scott Foley) is the likable, but vulnerable resident advisor to whom Felicity confides in, while Ben Covington (Scott Speedman) is the ex-obsession turned platonic pal of Felicity. Other cast members include Julie (Amy Jo Johnson), an aspiring artist and Elena, (Tangi Miller), a hopeless romantic.

Felicity doesn't delve into melodramatic themes. Instead, the show focuses on more realistic and applicable issues. *Felicity* encompasses themes about relationships, virginity, friendships, homosexuality and date rape. The show is entertaining with a romantic spin and a comical approach. Perhaps, the reason why this show is so well received is its realism. Many find they can relate to its subject matter and characters. *Felicity* airs on Tuesday nights at 8:00 and 9:00 on the WB networks.

Marlon Brando: The Wild One

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

"I'm of the opinion that Brando is one of the finest actors alive. He reaches down to some recess at the end of some cavern in his spirit and comes up with a revelation of something that's new, unexpected and shocking" John Huston about Marlon Brando

There are few actors that have influenced the world of motion pictures as much as Marlon Brando. His acting style was revolutionary and set a new standard that actors strive for, but few have attained.

Born April 3, 1924 in Omaha, Nebraska, Brando's childhood was sullen and turbulent. Under the iron fist of his machismo father and the despair of his alcoholic mother, Brando depended on his siblings for emotional support. He embodied rebellion at an early age. Always the nonconformist, Brando's behavior earned him expulsion from a military academy. With no desire to remain under his parent's roof , Brando drifted to New York where a greater destiny awaited. He joined the New School's Dramatic Workshop, instructed by Stella Adler, which incorporated Stanislavsky's new method of acting. Afterwards he studied at the famous Actor's Studio under Lee Strasberg who also revolutionary ideals of Method acting. Other exceptional actors that studied at the studio were Montgomery Clift, James Dean, and Martin Landau.

After appearing in several plays, Brando became an overnight success in performance as Stanley Kowalski in Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The sexually charged, emotionally dynamic play debuted with Brando on Broadway in 1947. Brando was irresistible as the loud, inarticulate, brutal Kowalski. Clad in a wife-beater (tank top), he prowled and grunted across the stage with a muscular grace and blunt masculine sexuality. That night the theater and his career were never the same.

He went on to make magic in films. The film version of *A Streetcar Named Desire, The Wild One* and *On the Waterfront* established as a movie icon and the poster boy for the rebellious 50's.

He won two Oscars in his film career, one for *On the Waterfront* and another for *The Godfather. Last Tango in Paris* proved to be his most controversial and difficult performance. However, Brando never really liked acting or fame. He preferred the seclusion of his home in the South Pacific and immersing himself in political issues. Radical at heart, he refused to accept the Oscar for his performance in *The Godfather.* Instead, he sent a representative in his place to condemn the persecution of American Indians.

Brando's personal life never ceased to be tumultuous. The conviction of his son for murder and the suicide of his daughter pushed him further into solitude. His appearances in recent movies have been scarce, but memorable.

With talent now a scarcity in Hollywood and only the paper thin photocopies of that rebellious spirit left to grace the screen, it is now more than ever a fact that there is only one Marlon Brando.

Complete nominees for the 71st Academy Awards

The Oscars are this Sunday and all the ballots are in and have been tabulated. Only the people at the accounting firm of Price-Waterhouse know who the winners are. Here though is a complete list of all the nominees for the 71st Annual Academy Awards that will be televised live Sunday at 7 PM on ABC.

Best Picture
Elizabeth
Life is Beautiful
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Best Director
Roberto Benigni for *Life is Beautiful*
Steven Spielberg for *Saving Private Ryan*
John Madden for *Shakespeare in Love*
Terrence Malick for *The Thin Red Line*
Peter Weir for *The Truman Show*

Best Actor
Roberto Benigni in *Life is Beautiful*
Tom Hanks in *Saving Private Ryan*
Ian McKellen in *Gods and Monsters*
Nick Nolte in *Affliction*
Edward Norton in *American History X*

Best Actress
Cate Blanchett in *Elizabeth*
Fernanda Montenegro in *Central Station*
Gwyneth Paltrow in *Shakespeare in Love*
Meryl Streep in *One True Thing*
Emily Watson in *Hilary and Jackie*

Best Supporting Actor
James Coburn in *Affliction*
Robert Duvall in *A Civil Action*
Ed Harris in *The Truman Show*
Geoffrey Rush in *Shakespeare in Love*
Billy Bob Thornton in *A Simple Plan*

Best Supporting Actress
Kathy Bates in *Primary Colors*
Brenda Blethyn in *Little Voice*
Judi Dench in *Shakespeare in Love*
Rachel Griffiths in *Hilary and Jackie*
Lynn Redgrave in *Gods and Monsters*

Best Original Screenplay
Warren Beatty & Jeremy Pikser for *Bulworth*
Vincenzo Cerami & Roberto Benigni for *Life is Beautiful*
Robert Rodat for *Saving Private Ryan*
Marc Norman & Tom Stoppard for *Shaksepeare in Love*
Andrew Niccol for *The Truman Show*

Best Adapted Screenplay
Bill Condon for *Gods and Monsters*
Scott Frank for *Out of Sight*
Elaine May for *Primary Colors*
Scott B. Smith for *A Simple Plan*
Terrence Malick for *The Thin Red Line*

Best Visual Effects
Armageddon
Mighty Joe Young
What Dreams May Come

Best Art Direction
Elizabeth
Pleasantville
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
What Dreams May Come

Best Cinematography
A Civil Action
Elizabeth
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Best Costume Design
Beloved
Elizabeth
Pleasantville
Shakespeare in Love
Velvet Goldmine

Best Film Editing
Life is Beautiful
Out of Sight
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Best Foreign Language Film
Central Station
Children of Heaven
The Grandfather
Life is Beautiful
Tango

Best Makeup
Elizabeth
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love

Best Original Musical or Comedy Score
A Bug's Life
Mulan
Patch Adams
The Prince of Egypt
Shakespeare in Love

Best Original Dramatic Score
Elizabeth
Life is Beautiful
Pleasantville
Saving Private Ryan
The Thin Red Line

Best Original Song
"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from *Armageddon*
"The Prayer" from *Quest for Camelot*
"A Soft Place to Fall" from *The Horse Whisperer*
"That'll Do" from *Babe: Pig in the City*
"When You Believe" from *The Prince of Egypt*

Best Sound
Armageddon
The Mask of Zorro
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Best Sound Effects Editing
Armageddon
The Mask of Zorro
Saving Private Ryan

Best Short Film-Animated
Bunny
The Canterbury Tales
Jolly Roger
More
When Life Departs

Best Short Film-Live Action
Culture
Election Night
Holiday Romance
La Carte Postale (The Postcard)
Victor

Best Documentary Feature
Dancemaker
The Farm: Angola, U.S.A.
The Last Days
Lenny Bruce: Swear to Tell the Truth
Regret to Inform

Best Documentary Shor Subject
The Personals
A Place in the Land
Sunrise Over Tiananmen Square

Weekends top movies

For the second weekend in a row, audiences lined up to see Robert Deniro and Billy Crystal discuss psychological complexes. The mob comedy *Analyze This* sent a bevy of new releases to sleep with the fishes and remained on top of the box office with an estimated take of $15.7 million.

That brings the film's total close to $40 million, and Warner Bros. executives are reportedly confident good word of mouth will eventually push its grosses past the coveted $100 million mark.

Tops among the newcomers was MGM's *The Rage: Carrie 2*, with grosses of about $7.4 million. That's not even half the business *Analyze This* did, but it was good enough for the horror sequel to land in second place.

Despite following 23 years after Brian De Palma's *Carrie* and featuring only Amy Irving from the original film's cast, *The Rage* finished slightly ahead of the very bad teens romp *Cruel Intentions* which came in third with about $7 million, pushing its 10 day take to around $23 million.

The rest of the weekend's new releases ended up ranked 4 through 7, with a particularly fierce fight being waged for the number four spot between Chow Yun-Fat's *The Corruptor* ($5.9 million) and *Baby Geniuses* ($5.8 million).

The middling performance of *The Corruptor* has been termed disappointing at best, while ticket sales for the almost universally reviled *Baby Geniuses* were considered surprisingly strong.

Michelle Pheiffer's long-in-the-works adaptation of *The Deep End of the Ocean* was probably the weekend's biggest disappointment however, with an estimated haul of just $5.6 million.

And though the trailer for George Lucas' forthcoming *Star Wars* prequel, *The Phantom Menace,* did indeed screen with some showings of *Wing Commander,* buzz surrounding the trailer's release to theaters didn't provide much of a boost for the game based sci-fi feature, which rang up grosses of about $5 million to number seven.

Finishing in spots 8 through 10 were *The Other Sister* ($3.9 million), the fast-fading *8MM* ($3.6 million), and *October Sky* ($3.1 million).

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Demons sweep UTA with homers

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

With the help of the Northwestern long ball and errors by the University of Texas at Arlington, the Northwestern State University Demons swept UTA yesterday by beating them 15-6 in the first game, 14-2 in the nightcap and 11-4 on Saturday.

Saturday, the Demons poured out seven runs in the bottom of the first, second, third and fourth, giving the Mavericks no chance at a lead.

Senior shortstop Ryan Anholt awoke from an early hitting slump, by going 2 for 4 from the plate with two RBIs and two trips around the bases.

Anholt, a native of Moose Jaw, Sask., also chalked up his first homer of the year, a lone floater over the left center field wall. Anholt led the team last year in home runs, RBIs and batting average.

Third baseman Tom Batson cracked a homer for the Demons--a solo blast, as he went 2 for 5 from the batter's box.

After taking a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second, Northwestern State's Josh Hoffpauir singled to right field, moving designated hitter Steven Bell to second. A passed ball by Maverick catcher Matt Anderson moved Hoffpauir and Bell to second and third, respectively.

Then, Demon catcher Chris Phillips reached first base on a fumbled grounder by Maverick first baseman Pat Malone that brought Bell home.

A single to right field by left fielder Brent Trosclair pushed Phillips to third and Hoffpauir home, making the score 4-1.

After Trosclair advanced on a wild pitch, Demon second baseman Tyler Dunlap singled and was picked off, giving Trosclair and Phillips enough time to score.

David Balcer (5-2) went the distance, allowing eight hits and three earned runs in nine innings of work, while striking out five Mavericks. With his appearance, Balcer, broke the Southland Conference career record for most appearances with 78.

In much colder conditions in the second and third games, Northwestern State took the lead, scoring four runs in the fourth and fifth and two in the sixth.

Northwestern State outhit the Mavericks 13-6. The Demons were lead by center fielder Chris Cox, who had a perfect 2-of-2 outing with two runs scored, two RBIs, and a solo home run.

Anholt increased his home run count to two on a two-run bomb over the center field wall and posted a 2-of-5 performance in the batter box. First baseman Buddy Proctor hit 2-of-3 from the batter's box with two RBIs.

With the score tied at 5-5 in the bottom of the fourth, Batson reached base on a double hugging the left field line. Dunlap followed with a walk, which advanced Batson to third. Trosclair then doubled to left center, which tied him for the school career record for doubles, sending Dunlap and Batson around.

Trosclair broke the record in the third game with a double to left field. The old record was 45 by Terry Joseph.

"I am just happy to be hitting the ball right now," Trosclair said. "I haven't really been thinking about the record. I knew I was close but didn't know how close. I just wish those could have been homers though."

After the Mavericks motioned pitcher Eric Ames in for Brent Wood, Proctor nailed a single into left center and brought Cox and Trosclair home.

Demon pitcher Jason Slanina (2-1) picked up the slack where starter Matt Stovall left off. Slanina spread two hits, one earned run, two walks and two strikeouts over a six-innings workout.

In the third game, the bats of Northwestern State lit up the muggy, cloudy day, with the Demons outhitting UTA 15-7. In three games for UTA, The Mavericks committed 11 mistakes.

Northwestern State took an early 9-0 advantage, from which the Mavericks never regrouped.

Trosclair led the lineup for Northwestern, going 3-of-5 with one RBI and one run scored. Freshman first baseman Chuck Mink also gave a commanding performance at the plate, with a 2 for 5 showing with four RBI's, one run scored and one two-run homer over the left center field wall.

Adam Stout (4-0) scattered four hits and one earned run over five innings.

"Our kids really battled it out despite the weather," Demon head coach John Cohen said. "The pitchers had 15-20 mph winds blowing directly into their faces. Our batters did a great job of getting ahead of counts today. It has been a great weekend, with everyone getting involved."

Northwestern State (19-5, 5-1 in the Southland Conference) will take a trip to Hattiesburg, Miss., to take on Southern Mississippi today and Wednesday.

The Demons will face instate rival, Nicholls State, in a three game series on Friday.

Records Broken

David Balcer--Most career appearance in the Southland Conference with 78..

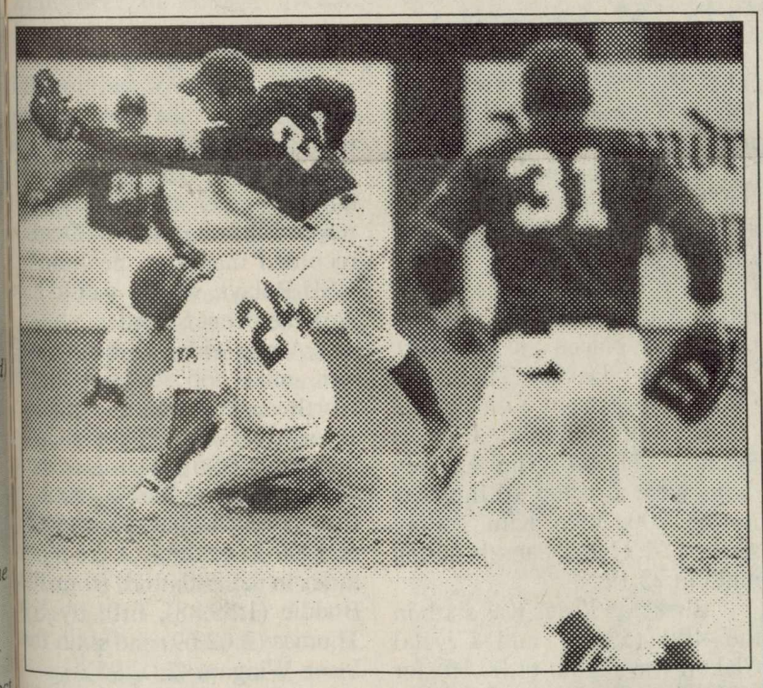
Brent Trosclair--Most career doubles in NSU baseball history. with 46.

In the boxscore

Ryan Anholt: one 1 run homer
one 2 run homer

Tom Batson: one 2 run homer

Chuck Mink: one 1 run homer



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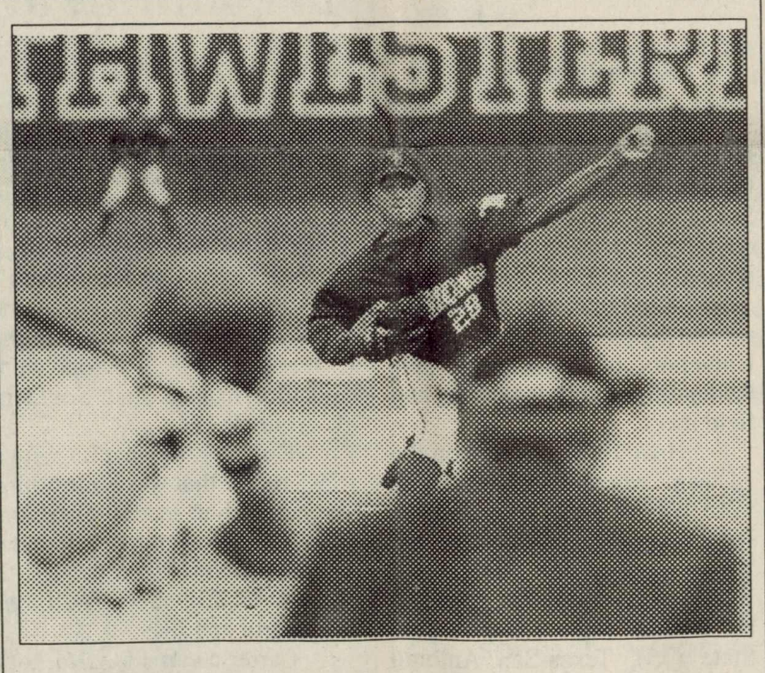
Second baseman Tyler Dunlap stretches to catch the ball as he tries to avoid being injured by the sliding UTA player.



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Starting pitcher Matt Stovall delivers the 0-2 pitch to a UTA batter in the second game which Northwestern State won 15-6.

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Head coach John Cohen congratulates center fielder Chris Cox for hitting a solo homerun.

SFA edges Northwestern State in three competitive doubles matches

Sports Information

After battling to a 3-3 split in singles play, Stephen F. Austin swept three extremely competitive doubles matches Sunday and edged Northwestern State 6-3 in Southland Conference women's tennis.

SFA won the Nos. 1 and 2 doubles matches by 8-4 scores and took the No. 3 match 8-5. Each team claimed a three-set singles victory in the middle of the lineup.

Northwestern won the top two singles matches as Marta Zivanov prevailed 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 over Sarah Osborn and Brandi Mathews obtained a 6-4, 6-3 victory over SFA No. 2 Amanda Tabisz. The other singles win for the Lady Demons came in the No. 4 match, where Natalie Unger claimed an exciting 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 decision over Melissa Morris.

SFA improved to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in the SLC while Northwestern slipped to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the SLC. The Lady Demons play twice at home next weekend, hosting Southeastern Louisiana Saturday and Nicholls State Sunday at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

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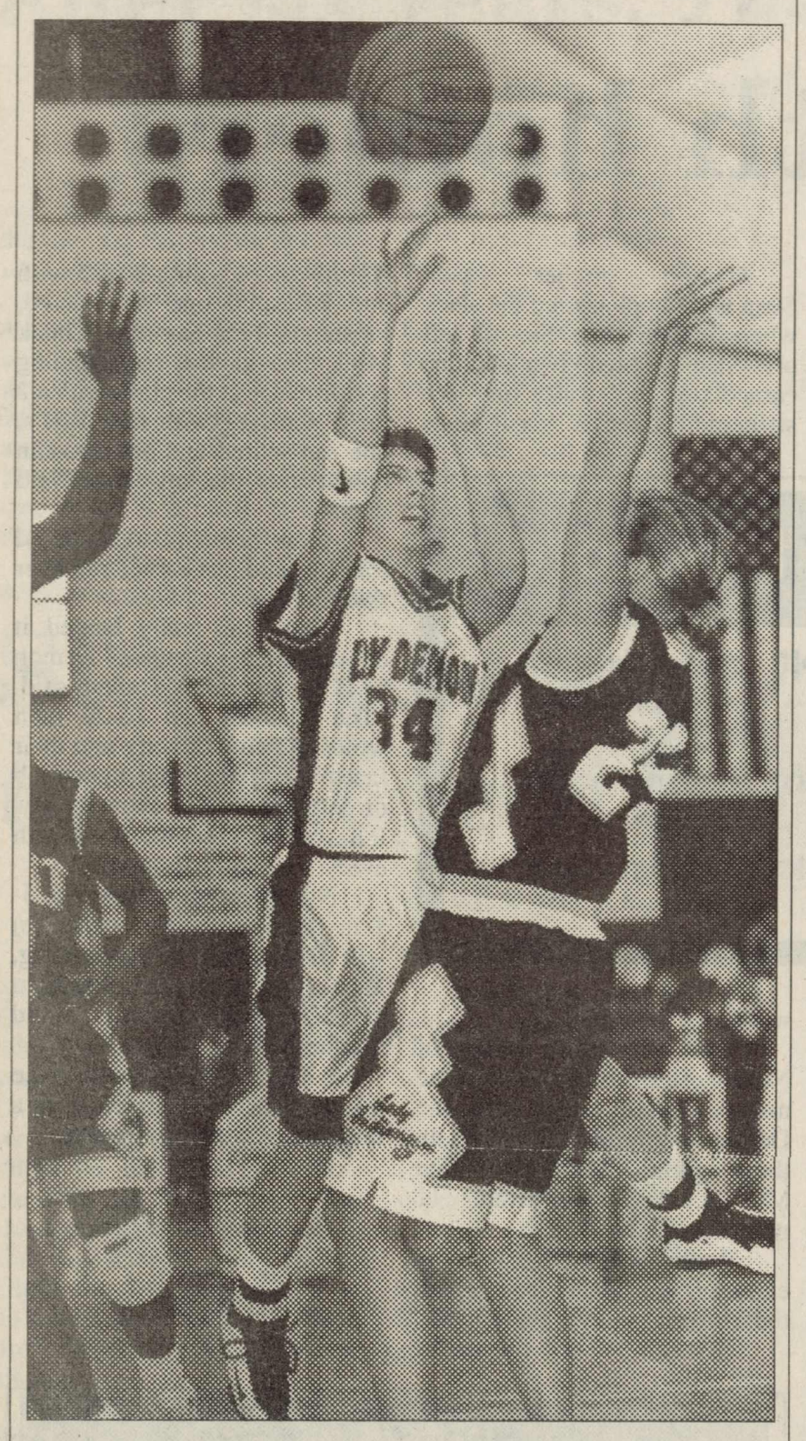

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Judy Clark gets 20; however, it wasn't enough as the Lady Demons lost to Arkansas in the WNIT 78-60.

Lady Demons bounced from WNIT

David Beaver
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demons' stellar season came to an end Friday evening as Arkansas, a Final Four participant last season, ripped NSU 78-60 in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

Northwestern (22-7), was plagued by poor shooting and plenty of turnovers. The Lady Demons lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, as they shot a sloppy 32 percent from the field and committed a season-high 26 turnovers.

The Lady Demons were paced by SLC Player of the Year Judy Clark, who had 20 points in the losing effort. Kia Converse added 13, Sonya Bearden scored 12, and Louise Chase chipped in 11 for NSU. The Demons trailed 29-18 at the half, and never threatened in the second half.

Northwestern did manage to out rebound the Arkansas squad, 47-41. Chase had a game-high 11 boards, while Converse pulled down 10. The Lady Backs blistered NSU in bench scoring, however, 17-2.

Power forward Lonniya Bragg led a trio of Arkansas players in double figure scoring by posting a career high 22, while Sytia Messer added 16 and Wendi Willis chipped in 15.

Arkansas started quickly, forcing 11 Demon turnovers in the first 11 minutes and sprinted to an 18-7 lead during that timespan. In the first half, the Lady Demons shot only 19 percent (6 of 32). Despite shooting 45 percent in the second half (14-31), NSU would never get closer than 10 points.

"It really wasn't a fast paced game in the first half. We had problems shooting the ball and holding on to it. I don't care if you're playing a sport like badminton, if you go on the road and play that poorly, you are not going to win," said Lady Demon head coach James Smith. "We had to play extremely well to win here and we obviously came out on the other extreme."

"We've had problems in Fayetteville. The last time we played here we lost by one point (84-83) in double overtime with a team I thought was more talented than this one," Smith said. "This is a tough place to play. LSU beat them by 30 in Baton Rouge and got beat by 20 here."

Arkansas head coach Gary Blair, a former head coach at SFA, was pleased with his team's play after halftime.

"We were able to rotate 10 players and they only had six that they counted on, so we were able to wear them down," said Blair. "They did a great job on the boards tonight. Chase just goes and gets it, Converse just goes and gets it. They have some very talented players, and Clark is about as good a point guard as we have played this year, but when you have trouble shooting and catching the ball, it's tough."

In other WNIT action, the other Southland Conference representative UT-Arlington was beaten by Baylor 71-60 in Waco. UTA was led by Newcomer of the Year Jennifer Boniol with 24 points, but could not overcome a 13 of 13 performance at the free throw stripe by Baylor's Toya Ellis. Had UTA and NSU both won two games, they would have met for the third time this season.

Women place third at College Station

Sports Information

Christin Carter, Tiffany Cronin, Tabitha Johnigan and Regina Roe all won their events Saturday, with Roe breaking her own Northwestern State javelin record.

She led the Lady Demons to a third-place tie with the University of Tennessee at the College Station Relays track and field meet.

Host Texas A&M won the 14-team womens division with 122 1/4 points, with Baylor second at 117. Northwestern and Tennessee tied for third at 67, with Houston fifth (49), followed by Kansas State (38), Angelo State (35), Texas-San Antonio (26), Sam Houston State (12) and Kansas (10) in the top 10.

A&M also took the mens team title. Northwestern, with few of its sprinters or jumpers competing in the bitter cold weather, was seventh with 37 points. The men's performance was highlighted by Kenta Bell's long jump win. Among the teams behind the Demons in the 15-team men's division were Houston, Kansas and Southern Mississippi.

Roe won the javelin with a 155-5 throw that was almost nine feet better than second place and more than two feet more than her year-old school record of 153-2. Teammate Elizabeth Williams was fourth at 128-3.

Carter cleared 5-4 1/4, tops in the high jump. Cronin went 39-5 to win the triple jump. Johnigan threw 47-0 1/4 for first in the shot put.

Among the other top finishes for the Lady Demons were a second place in the 800 meter run by Christal Traylor (2:20.72), second in the 4x400 relay (4:13.67) and three of the top eight places in the 100: fourth by Dasha Thompson (11.92), sixth from Kim Pouncy (12.11) and eighth by Camille Pouncy (12.27). The Pouncy twins were also top 10 finishers in the 200, with Kim getting sixth in 24.97 and Camille taking ninth in 25.19.

Shakerah Kyles was sixth in the 400 (59.25) and Crystal Clabon was eighth (1:00.10) for NSU.

In men's competition, Be went 23-9 to take the long jum title and Kendrick Turner wa sixth at 21-9 1/2. Northweste did not enter the men's trip jump, although five Demon recorded marks at the March NSU Relays, which would hav won the event Saturday.

Along with Bell's long jum win, other top finishes for th Northwestern men include second by Felipe Apablaza in th high jump (6-6 3/4), fourth in th 4x400 relay (3:23.77), sixth b Robert McCormack in the 150 (4:10.40) and three of the top si times in the 800: third from Tod Boddie (1:59.88), fifth by Ky Thomas (2:02.69) and sixth fro Jason Wingard (2:02.95).

Softball wins 2 of 3

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demons saw their 19-game Southland conference winning streak come to a suprising halt, as NLU pulled off an extra-inning 3-2 win in the last game of a triple-header.

The Demons took the first two games of the triple-header to improve their record to 14-10 overall and 7-1 in conference play. Northeast leaves Natchitoches with a 15-17 overall record and a 5-4 league record.

The two teams were playing a rare triple-header after bad weather postponed a Saturday doubleheader and a single game on Sunday.

Junior second baseman Brandy Kenney, the SLC Hitter of the Year last season, went 6-for-8 in the set, including three doubles. She is now the all-time Southland Conference career doubles leader with 46. She also set the school mark, surpassing former Demon catcher Rhonda Rube, who held both the Southland Conference mark and team mark with 45.

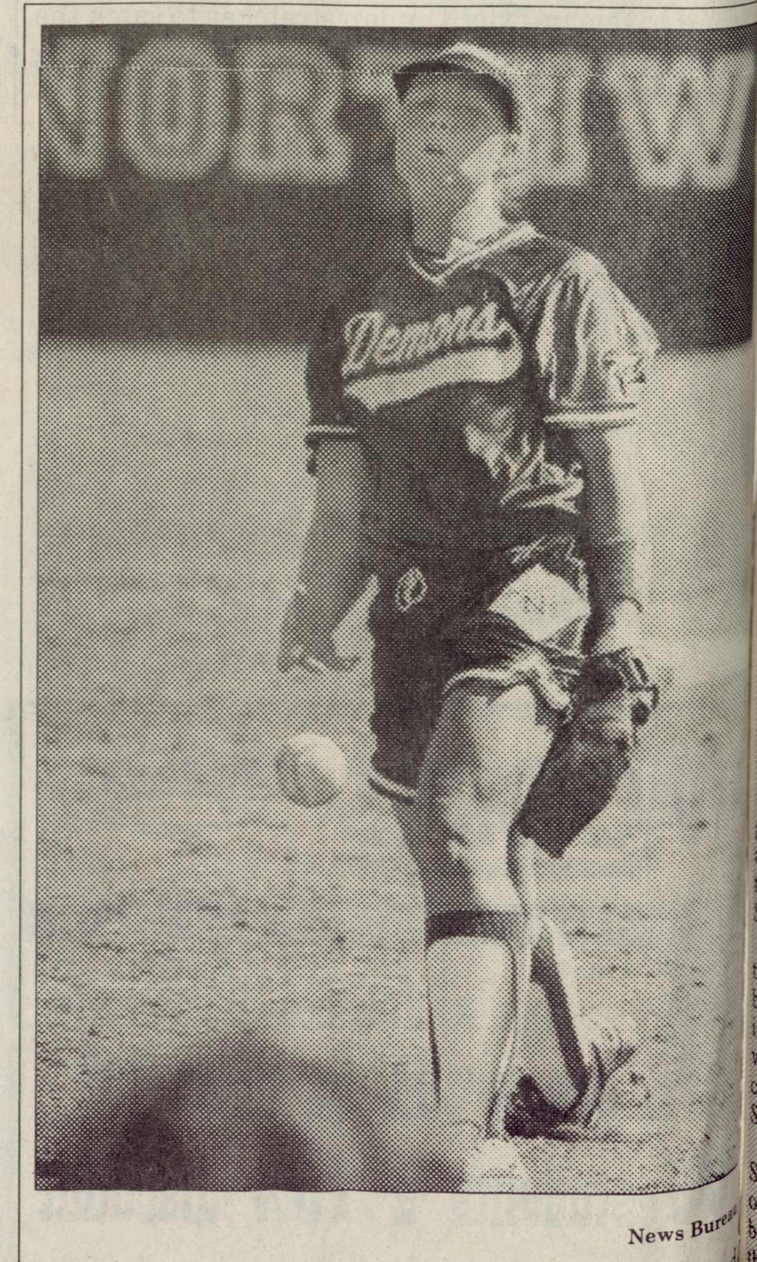
Kenny would also go 4-for-4 in the first game, which the Demons won 9-0. The Demons pounded out 15 hits against NLU pitcher Gena Lokken, who would only last for 1 and 1/3 innings. The Demons also got doubles from Kita Williams and Shannon Straty, and also got a triple from Linette Stuart.

Demon pitcher Cindy Leggett tossed a complete game shutout, holding NLU to only 2 hits while striking out 4.

In the second game, the Demon attack didn't let up as the Demons shutout the Indians for the second straight game, this time in a 6-0 win. Kita Williams went deep off of Annie Van Oosbree for her 2nd home run of the season, a two-run shot in the 6th to pad the lead to 6-0. The Demons slowed a little in the hit production as they had 8 hits this game. But it was more than enough for Cheri McCoy. She notched her 2nd win of the season, also getting the complete game shutout. She pitched 7 innings and allowed only 5 hits. The Lady Indians also stranded 8 baserunners in the game.

The Lady Indians quickly got on the board for the first time in the third game, as a two-out error in the first inning brought in two Lady Indians. NSU stayed fairly quiet until the 6th inning. Kenney singled in a run with two outs in the 6th, and the Lady Demons tied the game in the 7th when a throwing error let Brandi West tie the game at 2-all.

In the eigth inning, NLU's Katrina Emerick was able to hit a double to bring in the decisive run. Unfortunately, Kenney's singal in the bottom of the inning was not enough to tie the game.



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Cheri McCoy throws another strike in the second game of Monday's triple header which NSU won 6-0

Male Athlete of the Week

Ryan Anholt
Baseball

The senior shortstop went 4 for 9 Sunday to aid the Demons in a 15-6 and 14-2 victories over UTA. Anholt hammered two homers over the weekend, one solo shot and one two run blast. The Demons improve to 19-5 overall and 5-1 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
USL
March 24@6:30 a.m.

Female Athlete of the Week

Cindy Leggett
Softball

The junior pitcher from Alvin Texas threw a shutout against NLU beating them 9-0. Leggett allowed 2 hits in five innings of play. She picked up a loss going eight innings in a 3-2 loss. The Demons increase their record to 13-10 and 6-1 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
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UTA
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Find out how NSU ranks against other schools.
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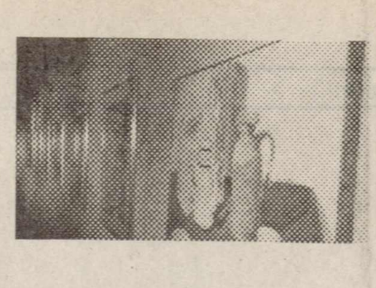

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Two lots designated for Columns parking

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

The Traffic and Safety Committee decided to limit University Columns residents' parking to the University Columns, the Watson Library lot and the East Caldwell parking lot.

The approval came after the SGA passed a bill on March 9 limiting parking for those people residing in the University Columns.

"We're trying to get people, both commuters and residents, to not move their cars," Carl Henry, chairman of the Traffic and Safety Committee, said.

An extended parking lot for residents of the Columns is currently in negotiations, Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs said.

The planned parking lot will hold 105 new spaces strictly for Columns residents' parking.

"It will be located at the base of Greek Hill and run parallel with the ditch," said Henry.

The plans are tentative, depending on Century Development, the company in charge of the Columns. Early estimates say that a functional parking lot could be built within 60 days.

However, if the plans were to fall through Henry says that, "we're going to have to do something else for the fall."

Seymour said the plan is essentially done. As soon as the attorney for the Board Supervisors accepts the lease and University President Dr. Randall Webb signs it, Century Development can begin construction.

"Every effort is being made to move this process along," said Seymour.

Henry says that every effort is being made to give all students, particularly residents, a fair chance at receiving a good parking spot.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Gov. Mike Foster was the featured speaker Monday at a luncheon held in the Student Union Ballroom and co-sponsored by the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce. Foster told Monday's crowd what issues they could expect to see in the upcoming legislative session such as gun violence and drunk driving.

Campus to receive turning lane

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

A new turning lane will be created at the corner of Caspari Street and College Avenue to help with the traffic flow.

It will be at the intersection by Varnado Hall and the Texaco Station.

According to Carl P. Henry, chairman of the Traffic and Safety Committee, a student came to him with the idea of a right turning lane at this intersection.

"We thought it was an excellent idea," said Henry. "The decision was passed unanimously."

No construction will be necessary to create the right turning lane. The Physical Plant will paint the lines and possibly a turning arrow at the site.

More turning lanes are a possibility.

"We're thinking about going with one at Central and have it end on Jefferson exit," said Henry.

The University's student-operated daily newscast, "News 22," received a special surprise Wednesday during a morning newscast. Find out what happened and check out another photograph on page two.

Photograph by Gary Hardamon

Foster urges crackdown on drunk driving

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Gov. Mike Foster is committed to keeping drunk drivers off the streets, and he may just have the solution.

Foster was the featured speaker Monday at a luncheon on the Northwestern State University campus, co-sponsored by the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce.

To reduce the number of drunk drivers on the street, Foster proposed the state seize vehicles of those who have DWIS.

New York has a similar law, which permits a first-time offender's vehicle to be seized.

Foster isn't certain what stipulation would be placed on such a law if it were passed in Louisiana, but suggested vehicles be seized of those who have been convicted of a DWI or those who are second-time offenders.

"We've put that out there simply for discussion," Foster said. "We've got to do something on drunk driving."

Foster said he realized action had to be taken against drunk driving when he met a young man two weeks ago who was hit by a person who had seven DWIs. The accident left the young man paralyzed from the waist down.

"He should have been in jail, or he sure shouldn't have had a car to crive," Foster said of the drunk driver.

When asked if the state has the right to seize a person's vehicle, Foster said the state may have to pass a constitutional amendment to make it legal.

The possibility of making Louisiana State University at Alexandria a four-year university was a hot topic of concern for the Natchitoches/Northwestern community.

Natchitoches Mayor Joe Sampite told Monay's audience if LSU-A becomes a four-year university, it will mean a loss of students and programs for the University.

"Don't forget us," Sampite told Foster at the luncheon.

Foster made a point to address Sampite's comments before he began his speech.

"I do understand the problems with Northwestern and LSU-A," Foster told the audience. "I think we can work that out so no one gets hurt. We don't need to fix one thing and break another, so I'm aware of those problems."

Educating the state's young people is another area of concern for Foster, including raising test scores.

He believes the state's TOPS program will encourage students to make better grades in school and take more challenging classes.

Foster believes the large number of TOPS recipients shouldn't cause a decrease in enrollment for smaller universities, including NSU.

He said larger schools, such as Louisiana State University, are raising their entrance levels, which means all state schools should see an increase in enrollment.

Foster also addressed the recent study that found in 1998, Louisiana had the highest percentage of its population serving a prison sentence in one year.

To curb that problem, the governor said something has to be done about the drug problem in Louisiana. He estimated 80 percent of prisoners have been involved in some drug-related incident.

Foster doesn't feel, however, gambling is a part of the problem.

"I don't know if it makes a big difference one way or the other, quite frankly," he said. "It depends on where it is."

Foster has other issues he will try to address in the upcoming session. The one thing he will be sure to maintain, however, is running the state like a business.

"I hope you like the job we're doing...we're trying to run your government like a business," Foster said.

University cuts Fall Break for next year

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Once again, the fall 1999 Calendar has received yet another face lift.

The Calendar Committee has voted against giving University students a Fall Break.

Because of this setback, one good thing has come out of it. Only if a student is enrolled in a Saturday class will a student have a final on Saturdays. Otherwise, there will be no more Saturday finals for NSU students.

The 1999 Fall Semester has gone under further changes.

To grant the students the full week at Thanksgiving, one day has been added to the beginning and at the end of the semester. The first day of classes for the Fall Semester will be on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

It has been proposed that finals will be from Dec. 13-15 and Commencement Ceremonies will be held on Dec. 17.

The only Saturday finals will be for classes that are on Saturdays, B-term classes.

"It's a long time with no break from September to November," Luke Dowden, SGA president said.

SGA questioning SAB's election procedures

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter
Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

As the elections of student government organizations approach, several members of the SGA are questioning the SAB election procedures.

At a recent SGA meeting, two SGA senators proposed a bill that recommended a change in the SAB elections. The bill, which was declined by the SGA, caused debate between several SGA and SAB members.

According to the current SGA constitution, all positions on the SGA are open for election by the student body at the end of the spring semester. Remaining open senator-at-large seats are filled throughout the fall and spring semesters by a majority vote of SGA members. Although all positions are open at the end of the spring semester, certain qualifications must be met for students applying for executive positions, such as president of SGA.

"I think if you feel that you're qualified to be president of SAB, then, like SGA, you should be elected to the position by the student body."

Only seven SAB positions, representatives-at-large, are open for a student-wide vote at the end of the spring semester.

According to the SAB constitution, the executive board of the SAB, which consists of the president, vice-president, secretary, public relations agent and parliamentarian, are elected by the out-going SAB. Six chairmen, eight resident hall representatives, and one graduate student are also elected by the out-going SAB.

Carl Henry, director of student organizations, believes that the current election procedures of the SAB are satisfactory.

"Because the execs are elected by the out-going members, we get an inbreeding effect," Henry said. "The members choose someone with the qualifications and experience needed for the job."

Henry also disagreed with the SGA bill which proposed a change in the SAB constitution.

"Both of the organizations have equally important duties on campus," Henry said. "One is political, and the other is a programming board."

Several students as well as SGA president, Luke Dowden, disagree with the current election procedures of the SAB.

Dowden, who supports a change in the election process, said that although it is not the responsibility of the SGA to change the SAB's constitution, revisions should be made concerning the election of the executive board.

"There are other avenues we can pursue to change the constitution without passing a

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Grad Fest 1999 offers tips to seniors

The University's Alumni Association and Wallace Bookstore have teamed up to bring spring graduates the information and supplies they need for graduation.

Grad Fest 1999 will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

The event will allow graduating students the opportunity to purchase caps and gowns and have photos taken, get answers to financial aid questions and order graduation announcements, class rings and transcripts for mailing in May.

"Graduation is such a busy time for students," Dr. Steve Horton, director of Alumni Affairs, said. "We wanted to make it as convenient as possible for them to get ready for their big moment."

Students can also get a jump on life after graduation by learning about career assistance available to graduates, obtaining information on graduate programs offered at the University and checking out the study guides for the GMAT, GRE, NTE, MCAT and LSAT.

Students can also join the NSU Alumni Association.

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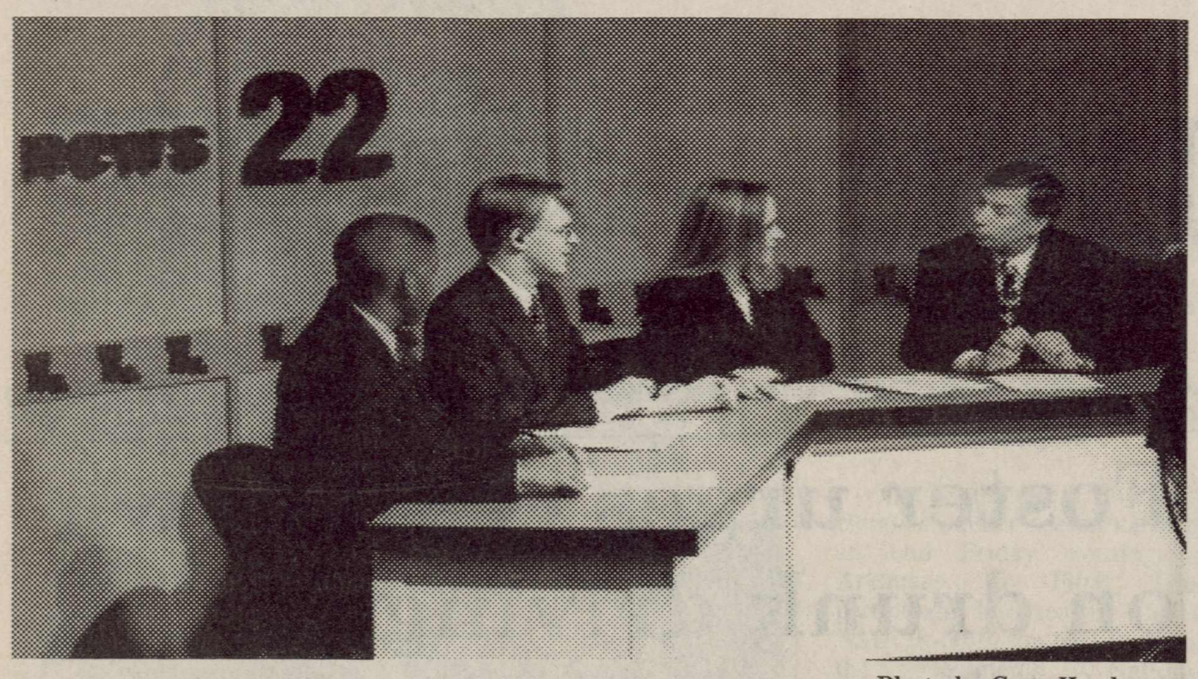

Photo by Gary Hardamon

A special surprise
The crew of "News 22" had a special surprise Thursday when Ed Duranczyk, chief meteorologist at KSLA Channel 12 in Shreveport, gave the weather report for the University's daily newscast. Duranczyk talked to several journalism students after the newscast about what it takes to make a successful broadcaster and what television stations are looking for in employees.

Student arrested on drug charges for second time

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

A University student who was arrested last month for drug possession was arrested again on the same charge, University Police said.

Kimberly Kelly, 21, was arrested by University Police March 16 on charges of simple marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. The incident happened shortly before 10:30 p.m. at Dodd Hall, a female residence hall.

Kelly was also arrested in February for possession of marijuana.

Six apply for top post in Natchitoches schools

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

The Natchitoches Parish School Board is one step closer to finding a new school superintendent.

Five employees of the Natchitoches Parish school system and a Red River Parish school system employee are candidates for the superintendent's positions.

Those applying for the superintendent's job are: Donald Litton, principal of Coushatta High School; Don Mims, principal of North Natchitoches Elementary School; Elwanda Murphy, principal of the NSU elementary laboratory school; Julio Toro, principal of Natchitoches Central High School; John Vandersypen, director of the Natchitoches school system's finance department; and Mack Wall, director of the school system's transportation and maintenance department.

District 1 School Board member Julia Hildebrand, who is also chairperson for the Superintendent Search Committee, said the School Board will begin screening applications and set up

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Students learn through NASA mentoring program

Miranda L. Coon
Staff Reporter

A mentoring program between the University and a NASA scientist has been labelled a success by all involved.

Associate professor of computer science Dr. Lissa Pollacia is a member of an e-mail group called "Systers," which is designed to bring together women in the computer profession.

Pollacia contacted NASA scientist Dorothy "Dot" Carney, who is at the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, when she saw her name on the e-mail list. The two began corresponding and began to form a mentoring program for some of Pollacia's students at the University.

The project began with students receiving an assignment for Carney via the Internet. Last fall, Ingrid Petry of Abbeville and David Long of Many worked on the project.

They worked to create a filter which would evaluate numeric values in an array and replace out of range values with an average of nearest neighbors. Pollacia said the goal was to find cracks and weaknesses in materials, such as cylinders created to hold nuclear waste.

Both Pollacia and Carney agree the program was a success and a second project was in the works for this semester.

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 1999-2000 school year (including 1999 summer session):

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, Argus (student literary magazine)
General Manager, KNWD (student radio station)

They can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 108 Kyser Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the same office by 4:30 p.m. April 17.

Potential applicants should check the 1999 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application.
Questions can be answered by calling Tom Whitehead, advisor of *The Current Sauce* and Potpourri, at 5213.

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SENATE MINUTES

March 15

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate David Gunn at approximately 7:02 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

Senator John Condee led the group in prayer, followed by Advisor Henry who led the pledge.

The following Senators were present:
Shawn Hornsby
Andrew Davies
Executive Officers
Paul Rome
Matt Comeaux
Luke Dowden
Jaime Hughes
Chas Vandersypen
Angelique Duhon
Joni Naquin
John Condee
Lucas Shaw
Madi Rozas
David Gunn
Niko Tesvich
Rachel Leone
Jennifer Ledger
Justin Courtney
Brandy Youngblood
Ju'Juan Allen
Vanessa Byrd
Rusty Broussard

A motion was made by Speaker Gunn to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was seconded by and approved by the senate.

The speaker asked for officer reports:

President Luke Dowden

* Several items discussed in ITAC: Giving $30,000 to fund table and chairs for the Distance Learning Lab in Alexandria, Spending funds for Student Web Based E-Mail, Researching After hours Computer Lab in Russell or in health & Human Performance.
* Madi reserve photo lab for elections.
* Two bills will be tabled for one week:SP99-0011& SP99-0012.
* Met with Dr. Seymour on bills SP99-0008 & SP99-009.
* Filings close Friday the 26th of March.
* Thanks to all those who made last week a success.
* The luncheon with Dr. Webb and four representatives was successful and I would like to thank Joni for attending.
* I talked to Dr. Ada Jared today and she would request that the senate support a resolution that would make improvements to the library including lighting.
* I would like to thank Academic Affairs for their suggestion to the Calendar Committee.
* Would any senators be interested in traveling with Luke to the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors Meeting. We would leave around 5AM and arrive around 8AM to Baton Rouge and return on the same day?

Vice President Angelique Duhon- -Requests names for "Breakfast with the President"
-Requests names of those members who will not be running in the
spring election: Ju'Juan, Jamie, Chas, Rachel, Rusty.
-We received confirmation from Commissioner of Elections' office in Re: Spring Election Machines being set by Ms. Flack

Treasurer Lucas Shaw:
Passed out a new budget to the Senate

The speaker asked for committee reports:

Academic Affairs- Vanessa met with Vice President of Student Affairs, Mr. Tom Burns on issues this week.

Student Affairs- Student Forum, needs a debatable topic.

Internal Affairs- Meeting Thursday at noon, also a meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

External Affairs: Radio Show on Tuesday

Fiscal Affairs: Meeting Monday at 6:00p.m.

SAB: March 25 & April 22 CoffeeHouse series.

Club Sports: Meeting noon on Wednesday

Grant Committee- Met last week approved four out of six proposals.
Traffic & Safety- right turning lane will be painted at Caspari & College Avenue
University Columns designated parking will be at Caldwell & Library

Old Business: None

New Business:

SP99-011 was introduced in regards to ARAMARK. Justin Courtney made a motion to table the bill. The motion was seconded by Chas and approved by the Senate.

SP99-0012 was introduced to the Senate requesting that excuses for not completing Senate office hours be accepted and be placed in the Internal Affairs folder the immediate week after the missed office hours.
Speaker Gunn until the next meeting tabled the bill.

Special Reports:

Art Society reported that they would like to paint a mural by Vic's; however, Mr. Henry reported that ARAMARK has volunteered to paint that area. The Senate loved the idea of a mural and asked the Council to recommend another location on campus for the mural. It will be funded by money that was approved by the Senate in the fall.

Speaker David Gunn adjourned the meeting at 7:50.

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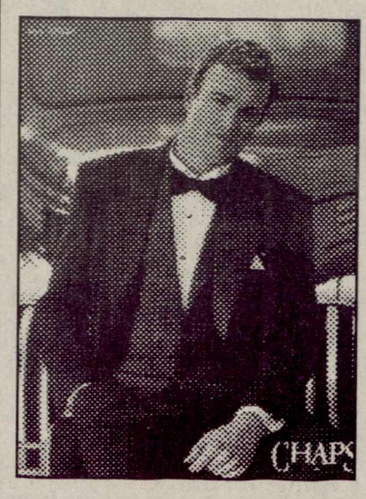

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Briefs

Students to compete in annual Quiz Bowl

Students from 32 public and private high schools across the state will compete March 27 in the state Quiz Bowl tournament hosted by the University.

The teams will compete in four divisions, based on enrollment in their respective high schools. The four winning teams will then compete in a televised game to determine the state quiz bowl champions.

That team will go on to represent Louisiana in the Panasonic Academic Challenge, a nation-wide quiz bowl in Orlando, Fla., in June.

Balfour Company is supplying the trophies for the state level winners, and Time Trend will pay the registration fee for the Panasonic competition.

Workshops to help students find jobs

The Carl D. Perkins Programs at the University will sponsor a series of workshops in April to assist students in finding a job.

A seminar on resume writing will be held April 14. Cover letter writing will be the topic on April 21. On April 28, a seminar will cover the topic of interview preparation. Each seminar will begin at 5:30 p.m. in room 107 of Russell Hall. Chris Foster will be the instructor.

As part of the seminar, students will receive information packets that will assist them in preparing resumes and cover letters at home as well as getting ready for an interview. Participants can use computer labs immediately after the resume and cover letter seminars, so they can go to work immediately while the information is fresh. Foster will be in the lab to answer questions.

Advance registration for the seminars is required. For more information or to sign up, call (318) 357-5721.

Cane River Park will extend visiting hours

Beginning Saturday, Cane River Creole National Historical Park will extend its hours to better serve summer visitors.

The park will now open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Although the park is in the planning stage and not yet fully open to the public, limited touring is available and must be reserved with a one-day advanced notification.

The Cane River Creole National Historic Park was authorized in 1994 to preserve significant landscapes, sites and structures associated with the development of Creole culture. This National Historical Park consists of two antebellum plantations, Oakland and Magnolia, and is located southeast of Natchitoches on La. Hwy. 494.

For reservations or to make inquiries about the park, call 352-0383 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Volunteers are also needed at the plantations to greet visitors and conduct tours, perform general clerical, assist with landscape projects, conduct historical research, write text for park brochures and press releases, produce graphics for publications, take photographs and create curriculum/ education guides.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to attend a recruitment meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Oakland Plantation on La. Hwy. 494.

For further information, call Carla Cowles 352-0383.

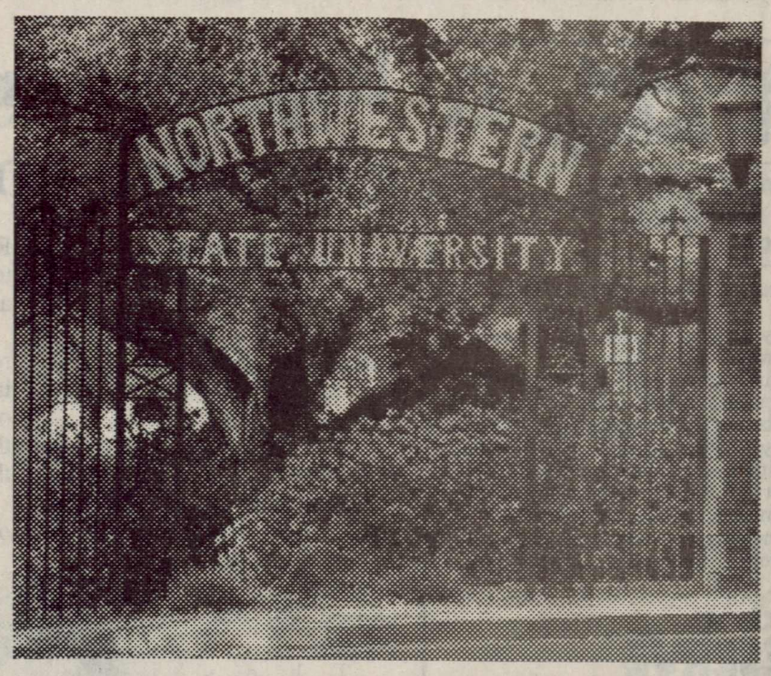

Photo by Gary Hardamon

A recent study conducted by Northwestern professors showed the University ranked high against other universities considered to be immediate competition such as Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Recent study finds the University to be on right track

Jennifer Stephens
Staff Reporter

Results from a study conducted last fall of people's perceptions of the University show that it ranked high against the competition.

Working together to conduct the study were Dr. Barry Smiley, dean of the College of Business, marketing professor Dr. Scott Roach and psychology professor Dr. Patrice Moulton.

The study, which was composed of 545 surveys, examined people's perceptions of the University compared to universities considered to be immediate competition such as Louisiana State University, University of Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana Tech.

People rated each university on its academic quality, faculty research efforts, affordability, individual attention to students, convenience, public services provided to the community and extra curricular activities.

While Northwestern ranked relatively high in all areas, the University scored highest in affordability. No actual figures were used, but people perceived the University as the most affordable.

Northwestern also ranked especially high in individual student attention because of smaller classes and more office hours, which coincides with the University's motto, "Where the Students Come First."

Those who participated in the study said new technology such as the Internet and satellite classes and a good location make the University convenient to attend.

With the TOPS award making it possible for students to attend the school of their choice, the University is concentrating its efforts on different areas to further improve its image.

"We wanted to get an overall view of people's perceptions of us so we could begin a planning effort used to form goals based on those perceptions," Roach said.

One of the University's goals is to have every degree program accredited. As of now, 85 percent of degree programs have been accredited.

"We're making ourselves a lot more competitive to the different places because in some cases, you have to have an accredited degree program in order to get into graduate school," Roach said.

One of the biggest projects the University is working on is the renovation of the Intramurals Building.

"The new recreation center will be very impressive to incoming freshmen," Roach said.

Fraternity cited for alcohol violations

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Kappa Sigma Fraternity was issued a citation after University Police found four kegs of beer at a St. Patrick's Day party Wednesday at their house.

According to University Police, the fraternity did not have a permit for the party or an officer available to chaperon the party.

The matter was turned over to Reatha Cox, greek advisor and Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs.

Election Filings

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GET YOUR APPLICATION TODAY IN ROOM 222 IN THE UNION!

Filings for the SGA's spring elections opened March 15 at 8 a.m. and close March 26 at noon. Applications should be filed by the deadline in room 214 of the Student Union. A refundable $10 campaign fee is required for anyone filing. Elections will be held **April 14-15 in the Student Union.**

For eligiblity requirements or more information call 357-4501.

Campus Connections

Career Day: The NSU Shreveport campus will be holding a career day April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium.

Student Government Association: Meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. All students are invited to attend. For information on SGA, call 357-4501. All parties interested in forming any new club sport please call 357-4501 or 357-1305

Student Activities Board: Committee meetings are held Mondays at 8:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. For more information on SAB, stop by their office in room 214 of the Student Union.

Mid-term grades: Students can pick up their grades in the Registrar's Office March 24 and 25. Grades will not be available after March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Financial Aid: The Financial Aid Office will be closed March 24 for a staff training session.

Sociology Club: A meeting will be held March 24 at 3:30 p.m. in room 305 of Kyser Hall. During the meeting, there will be election of officers for 1999-2000 and information on senior practicum and certification. Refreshments will be served.

Health and Human Performance Club: The first "Almost Anything Goes" will be held April 7 in the Physical Education Majors Gym from 3-5 p.m. as part of Spring Fling activities. Teams should be composed of six people with at least two girls or two boys on a team. The registration fee is $10 and should be turned in as soon as possible to the Health and Human Performance Club located in the P.E. Majors Building Office.

Phi Beta Lambda: Members of Phi Beta Lambda have joined efforts with the March of Dimes to raise money at the 1999 Natchitoches WalkAmerica on April 24. Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised goes directly into research, education and programs in your own community and all across the country to help build a brighter future. To find out more information on how an organization can participate in this year's walk, have a representative contact Dr. Walter Creighton at 357-5704 or any Phi Beta Lambda member.

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

Numinous: Numinous is The Society for Nature-Based Spirituality. We are an organization for networking with others belonging to nature-based spiritualities and provide a forum for safe, open-minded discussion about all nature-based spiritualities. If interested, please e-mail at marshdragon@hotmail.com.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Argus: The deadline for the spring art and literary contest is April 19 by 3 p.m. Students can submit entries in poetry, fiction, non-fiction and art. Submissions should be turned in at the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Boozman Hall. Winning submissions receive $100, $75 and $50 for first, second and third place respectively.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

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BOARD, cont'd. from page two

interviews after the Easter break.

A Citizens Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from all 11 school districts, has been formed to seek public input on what the board should look for in a new superintendent.

Hildebrand said the advisory committee will neither veto nor endorse a candidate but will give the board an oral and writing report on their findings.

The committee will make its presentation to the School Board on April 1.

That same day, a reception will be held at the board office from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. so residents of Natchitoches Parish can meet the candidates.

The next citizens group meeting will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the board office. The public is invited to attend.

Ms. Hildebrand said the new superintendent's starting salary will be $65,000 annually. Superintendent Kenneth Dutile, 58, who will not seek renewal of his contract which expires June 30, makes $64,000 annually plus benefits.

Dutile has been a school system employee for 33 years and has served as superintendent since 1995.

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bill," Dowden said.

Dowden continued that he disagrees with the current election procedure because of the lack of student input.

"We [SGA] have a $2.25 per student budget, and we're voted on by everyone," Dowden commented. "They have a $10 per student budget and are not voted on by the student body. It seems that the same regulations should apply to both organizations."

Several students agree that changes should be made to the existing SAB constitution to allow students more of a voice in the election of SAB members.

Senior Heath Crawford thinks that students have a right to elect SAB members who are making decisions that affect the student body.

"I think if you feel that you're qualified to be president of SAB, then, like SGA, you should be elected to position by the student body," Crawford said.

"Any organization that represents the students-at-large should be elected by the students-at-large," Kristi Cooley, junior journalism major, said.

Ryan Scofield, president of SAB, said that changes, passed this semester in the current constitution would not go into effect until the spring elections of 2000.

"I don't know why that particular route was chosen when the constitution was written," Scofield continued. "I think changing the constitution would be a good thing to try, but sometimes we're worried about the popularity thing. If the student body chooses the officers, the most qualified person might not get elected."

Scofield also commented that a change to the constitution would have to be approved by the student body. He thinks this might be a factor in keeping the election procedures as they are.

"If people aren't voting, why change things to let the few voters who are voting change things?" Scofield said.

Elections for both SGA and SAB will be held on April 14 and 15.

Ragsdale named chapter consultant

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Heather Ragsdale, a graduating senior, was named Phi Mu's Chapter Consultant this year.

A Phi Mu Chapter Consultant is a professional representative of the fraternity. Each year, women from all around the country are chosen for this position.

Ragsdale

They represent the national organization by traveling to chapters offering assistance in the areas of chapter operations, membership programming and leadership training.

To be chosen for a chapter consultant, you must send in an application and show what a member has done for their organization, such as leadership roles, office and committee positions they've held.

A member must also write an essay that includes their goals of what they would do as a chapter consultant and why they want to be a chapter consultant.

"It was a very long process," Ragsdale said. "I had two telephone interviews. It lasted about six weeks."

Each consultant has her own region to travel. Louisiana is in it's own region along with a few other states. It's divided up into the states according to where they are.

The consultants don't find out exactly where they are until it starts late in the summer. This program is from August to May. People from all across the country compete.

"I think when a chapter consultant goes in, they can relate to me better because I've just gotten out of school and I'm a younger alumnae," Ragsdale said.

"I start training for this in August. Around the end of August, I will start travelling and going to the different schools. After this, since I'm a fashion merchandising major, I plan to move to Dallas and get a job there. I have some offers in Baton Rouge so I'll be doing my internship there."

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Opinions

Give me a Break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

Take a walk around NSU's beautiful campus any day of the week, and hundreds of students can be heard complaining about everything from ARAMARK's prices (come on guys, $1 for a bottle of water?) to parking problems on campus.

However, as the end of the spring semester approaches, an age-old tradition occurs at NSU. It's one, judging from recent years, that most students don't know exists. Or at least, I hope they don't know and not that they merely are ignoring the big green machines in the Student Union. That's right, my fellow students, it's voting time at NSU.

Before you flip the page in fear of another "Go Vote" speech, hear me out. Until this semester (and don't follow my example), I shrugged off my voting duty as a student. I walked by the voting booths in the Student Union and basically did everything but throw up a finger when asked to come vote. Things changed when I attended a SGA meeting for the first time.

Readers, these guys have an enormous amount of power in practically every aspect of this campus. These are the guys who are taking 75 dollars out of every student's pocket to put up an IM Building (not a rant, just a fact). These are also the guys who recently decided to make parking a little easier at NSU by limiting Columns residents from parking anywhere they want.

My point is this: do the students at NSU really want a bumbling fool chosen by a few people making decisions that could, and do, affect their lives? If the students do not take the responsibility of electing representatives worthy of being elected, then students are going to continue getting screwed.

I am personally challenging every student on this campus, from freshmen to graduate students, Greek to Non-Greek, male and female to get out and vote come election time. And if there's a student out there who believes his or her voice has never been heard or that his or her problems have never been addressed, then I urge that student to make a trek to the Student Union and apply for a position.

Come on guys, stop complaining, and show these guys that the voice of NSU's student body, the entire student body, will be heard at this election. Get out and VOTE.

The Campus According to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

If ever there is a time that can be referred to as the "dog days" of college, we are in them.

As the semester, academic year and perhaps college career enter the home stretch, we are all occupied with more than we think we can handle.

The procrastinators begin to awaken from their slumber and either run in fear or begin to embark on marathonesque activities in an effort to get caught up. Those who are not into waiting until the last minute find some other method of paranoia, and in turn walk beside the purveyors of extended deadlines in, what appears to be, an effort to start some sort of "We're all going to fail" riot.

It is times like these that try campus organization leader's and coordinator's souls.

As an elected leader in more than one organization, I must offer a unilateral word of warning...If you are unable to fulfill any duties bestowed upon you by a campus organization due to academic obligation, use a little intuition and do not put that responsibility on your shoulders.

Too many students begin to fail to even attempt to accomplish that which they have promised to provide results for all semester, and ninety percent of them use the same cop-out, "I have to study".

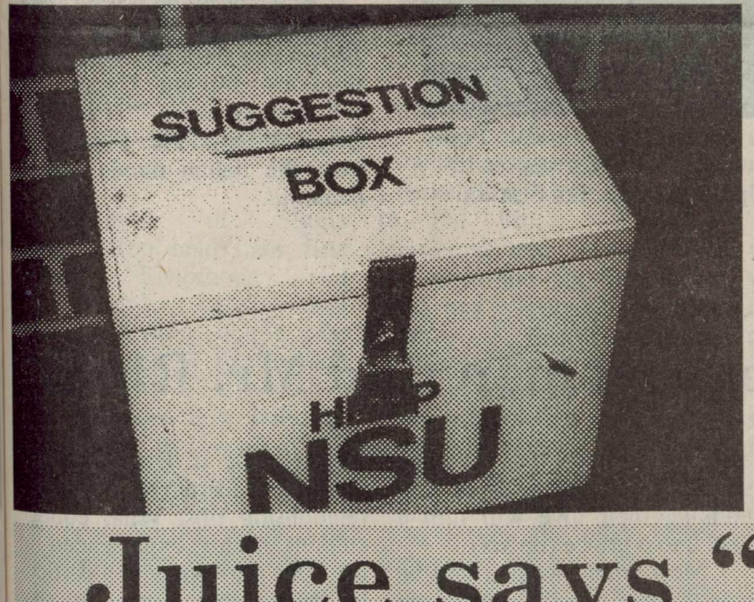
Here is a clue for those of you who are deprived...We all have to study. If you are so far behind that you cannot function in the real world that you have pursued for months, then chances are no amount of studying will help your cause!

This is in no way expressing the philosophy that you should hesitate to get involved. However, it looks much more impressive to a potential employer or administrator when you have demonstrated the ability to get the job done.

Remember, no matter how bad you think that your individual situation is...someone else's could be seen as worse. There is always someone else out there working in three leadership position jobs, taking 17 hours of classes en route to graduation in May, living at home with a fiancee (perhaps an overachieving Psychology under grad) and daughter, interviewing for a corporate level management position, relocating to a large metropolitan area located a few hundred miles away and (perhaps the most important part) loving every minute of it.

If you keep your eyes focused on this person then you will live in their shadow, and set yourself up to sell yourself short. Keep your eyes focused on your shadow. Achievement through self-betterment is the way to true success.

And, in honor of "Shakespeare in Love"'s immense success at the Oscar's...If this be false and upon me proved, then I have never writ nor no man ever succeeded.



Our View

Do students ever really put suggestions in this box, which is located in Kyser Hall? And, if they do, who actually reads those suggestions?

Well, the staff of *The Current Sauce* has a suggestion – get a new suggestion box.

Is this a working suggestion box, or is it just another part of historic Natchitoches?

Get a new box and put it where the majority of students are likely to see it.

Photo by Steve Evans

Juice says "Just party!"

Where have all the good parties gone? I went this weekend to a fraternity party at a different college. WOW!! Why can't NSU have fraternity parties like that one? Some may say because the fraternities aren't very good at NSU. That isn't true. Others may say because our campus isn't big enough. That isn't true either. I have the answer to this perplexing problem. The people at NSU are getting lazy.

I talked to alumni of the University and they all said that back in the day NSU had great parties. Well, one can't help but wonder, why did it change? People have changed. Students are too busy worrying about where they are seen. Back in the day (according to my research) students didn't care. If you said a frat was having a party you were calling your friends back home telling them to get their bodies up to NSU to party. Why has that changed?

I don't care what fraternity you are in, I don't care what sorority you are in. If you are in BSU or CSO. Kappa Sigma or TKE. JUST PARTY!! I can understand you wanting to make good grades and not party then go to your local community college.

Part of going away to college is to have the experience of freedom. You are in the greatest time of your life. After you graduate you get a job and maybe go to Wes Whipp's cocktail parties every now and then. Most of us are between the ages of 18-25. (Who ever heard of a four-year degree anymore?).

I know some of you are saying, "I wish I could go to a frat party, but they are mostly closed parties." I know and that is the fraternities' fault. I am not blaming it all on the students. The fraternities need to start having open campus parties too.

It is hard for the fraternities to do that when the people in charge of the greek system here are so anti-party. The fraternities can't even put up flyers announcing their party. What is that? Is there some higher evil working the greek system that I should know about, or are they just anti-party?

I want every single person in Natchitoches to get off their high horse and start to party. Why not? What are you going to tell your kids, "Son, did I ever tell you about the time my roommate spilled his Aramark drink all over the dorm one Friday night!" The worst thing is that some of us are on that course.

TWO WORDS: JUST PARTY!

If you hear of any upcoming parties go to them. What is the worst thing that can happen? You might have fun. You might even meet a soul-mate. Well, maybe not a soul-mate, but you might find a couple friends and have a good time.

Juice
The Beamer & Juice Show

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor
James Carey

I am writing this article out of frustration towards the University administration's "quick thinking" in the relocation of the employment office from the first floor to the third floor of the Student Union.

I am writing in frustration about the administrations attitude of "tomorrow" towards the building of an elevator in the Student Union.

I will focus on the second issue first in this letter because the remedy of the second issue will eliminate my frustration with the first.

In case you did not know, the Student Union does have a third floor, and many vital offices are located there, such as the Testing Center, Career Counseling and Placement and, of course, Student Employment.

An elevator in the Student Union is a great idea because it gives greater access, not only for disabled students, but also for every student who uses the Union.

I think that the University is sending a message that the handicapable members of the student body are not nor ever will be deserving of the equal status of other students.

It is like the University is telling a disabled student that we, Northwestern State University, want your money, but do not want you to test out of courses that you do not need, be employed at our university or get a great job in the future. So, just give us your money, and be silent.

I know that this is not the message of this university, but it is something to think about when you make a decision out of convenience.

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THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp

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Dear Tony, the Lonely

All right Tony the Lonely fans, two letters for the first week isn't bad, but Get Crackin'! I know you have plenty of problems and are just beggin' for a crafty advice columnist to show you the way. Nakatrash has a darker underbelly than this and I WANT TO SEE IT BATHED.

Dear Tony,

I've met the most beautiful girl this semester. Only problem is, just as I got the nerve to ask her out, she started talking about her boyfriend! She's the most perfect girl I've ever seen and I'm a good guy. Should I give up or push on?

Signed,
Depressed Dan.

Well Dan, it is probably one of two things.

The first is, she realizes that you are coming on to her and is trying to push you away. I would suggest that you pay attention to when she chooses to speak about her boyfriend. If they come around the time when you are moving into a sensual "Oh, Jeanine!" you might consider backing off and not being such a home wrecker.

The second is, she is oblivious to your loving plight and thinks that you are probably gay. If you ARE gay, then NSU is the place for you! There are many organizations and public functions specified for the alternative lifestyle you may choose to live. Look up Lambda, the student club on campus for such activities. Wednesday night at Illuminations is alternative lifestyles night. Might I suggest joining either the theatre department or the LSC? Your loving problems will soon be over.

WORRY NOT DAN!!!

Dear Tony the Lonely,

How do I get those unsightly grass stains out of my underwear?

Signed,
Mike the Morose.

Well Mike, I would begin with three rosaries, two Hail Marys and an Our Father, all said in a kneeling position while beating your left instep with a riding crop. Also, any brand of color safe bleach should remove the unsightly blemishes, provided you remove the underwear first.

If that doesn't work, might I suggest professional counseling or public humiliation. You should send a letter to the editor of *The Current Sauce*. Include detailed origins of said stains and reveal your last name to all. It will cleanse you of all impurities, underwear and soul.

If not, there is always amateur video distribution.

Tony the lonely

A&E

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Ella Fitzgerald: The first lady of song

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

"I never know how good our songs were until I heard Ella Fitzgerald sing them" composer Ira Gershwin about Ella Fitzgerald

Clear, sensuous and captivating, the voice of Ella Fitzgerald left an unforgettable mark on the world of music.

Ella Fitzgerald was born on April 25, 1918, in Newport News, VA. After the death of her father, she and her mother moved to Yonkers, NY where she spent most of her childhood.

Ella initially wanted to be a dancer, not a singer. In fact, her singing career started by shear luck. At the age of 16, Ella entered a talent contest at Harlem's Apollo Theater. She was going to do a dance routine, but her legs suddenly froze under the pressure. Fitzgerald had to do something, so she opened her mouth and sang. The audience was charmed. She won the contest and walked away with $25.

Her performance at the Apollo caught the attention of jazz musician Chick Webb. Webb took Ella under his wing and recorded Ella's first hit *A-tisket, A-tasket*. After Webb's death Ella led his band, then eventually moved on to a solo career.

She toured with several bands and collaborated with some of the most influential musicians of the century (Norman Granz, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Oscar Peterson, and Count Basie). Her partnership with Dizzy Gillespie was perhaps the most memorable. Together they refined and perfected scat (a singing style in which the voice mimics an instrument through nonsensical sounds). She also did a series of recordings known as the "songbook"albums, which included selections from outstanding songwriters such as Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Harold Arlen, the Gershwins, and Duke Ellington.

Her celebrated vocal range matched her extensive repertoire. She sang in a variety of musical styles ranging from opera, jazz, show tunes, bossa nova to Beatles songs. Recording more than 250 albums, receiving more than 10 Grammy awards and a myriad of musical acknowledgements in the span of a 60 years Ella had a glorious and intangible career. Her voice inspired musicians of all backgrounds and won the hearts of fans worldwide.

In his memoir, Music Is My Mistress, Duke Ellington wrote: "Ella Fitzgerald is a great philanthropist. She gives so generously of her talent, not only to the public, but to the composers whose works she performs.

Her artistry always brings to mind the words of the Maestro, Mr. Toscanini, who said concerning singers, 'Either you're a good musician or you're not'. In terms of musicianship, Ella Fitzgerald is Beyond Category."

On June 15, 1996, Ella Fitzgerald died of complications due to a long fight with diabetes.

A&E Editor speaks out

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

It started at 7:30 on Sunday night. Four excruciatingly long hours later, it was over. It was a painful experience, it changed the way I feel about a large group of people forever and it just simply gave me a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach. No, the aforementioned experience has nothing to do with President Clinton or *Riverdance*, but rather, the 71st Academy Awards which will undoubtedly go down as one of the biggest disappointments, no disappointment is not a strong enough word, one of the biggest travesties of all time in the motion picture business.

The show started off well enough: James Coburn winning a well-deserved supporting actor Oscar for his role as the abusive alcoholic father of Nick Nolte in *Affliction*, but the show went downhill from there.

The snail's crawl pace of the show, the countless special tributes, the continuous Republican party bashing by the show's host, Whoopie Goldberg??, and how could one forget the horror that came out of Harrison Ford's mouth when he announced the Best Picture winner. *Shakespeare in Love*?? I just have one question for the Academy. What the hell were you thinking?

True enough, *Shakespeare in Love* is an excellent movie, one of the funniest period pieces ever, but Best Picture over Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*: I THINK NOT!!!

I was in shock as *Love*'s producers strode on stage to accept the Oscars that they stole from *Ryan*. This act cannot be justified. It ranks right up their with the recent Holyfield-Lewis title fight. They are both bull$h!t decisions and frankly it makes me worry about the mental acumen and integrity of this country. It worries me that there are people out there, a vast number of people apparently, that could sit and watch these two films and pick the romantic comedy as the superior picture.

Some people have said they chose *Love* because *Ryan* was too violent. Well guess what folks, it's a war movie, it's suppose to be violent. War is hell ladies and gentleman, it's not really like the way Italy's famed Roberto Benigni made it out in his film *Life is Beautiful*. The Holocaust was not a game, and many Americans and people of other countries died in that war to give us what we have now. But all of this is not the reason why *Ryan* should have won.

By the above rational Terrence Malick's *The Thin Red Line* should have won. Many feel that *Line* was superior to *Ryan* and until I saw both pictures for a second time I was of the same opinion. And you know what? *Line* was shut out, it didn't win a single Oscar. That is truly, truly sad.

But to the original point, *Ryan* is the best. It's not the best because it's violent, it's not the best because it is patriotic, it is the best because it teaches a lesson that many have forgotten in today's America. That lesson is to be grateful for what we have and not take anything for granted because things could change quicker than you think and nothing is for certain especially with people who would select *Shakespeare in Love* as the best film of the year are in charge of this countries cultural processes.

The above views are solely the opinions of Josh Beavers and do not reflect the opinions of the entire Current Sauce staff.

Shakespeare in Love tops Oscars

Miranda L. Coon
Staff Reporter

Sunday night, the sealed envelopes of the 71st Annual Academy Awards were opened and the winners revealed to the world.

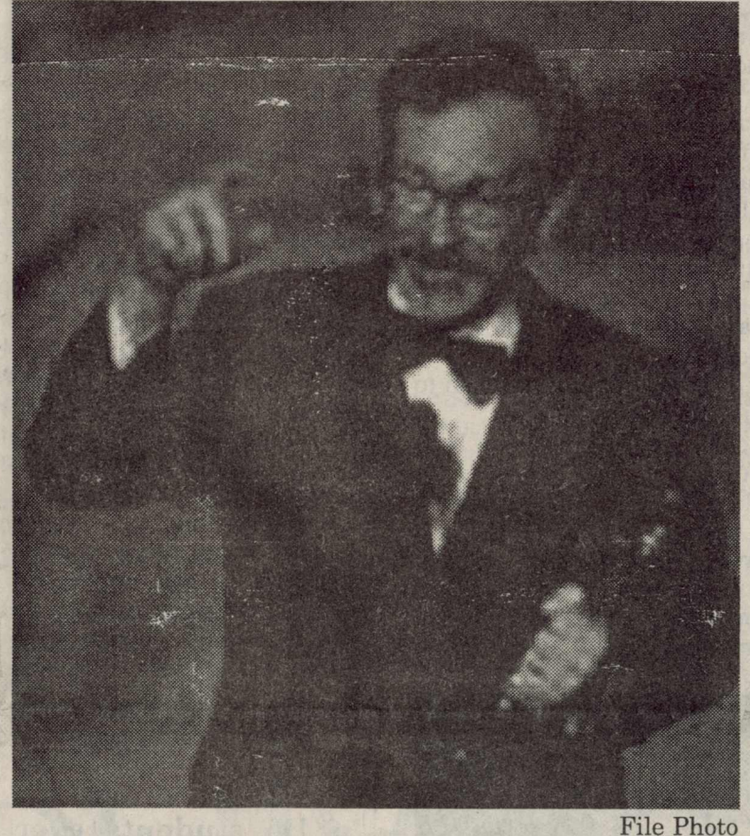
Shakespeare in Love won the coveted Best Picture Award, beating out *Saving Private Ryan, Elizabeth, Life is Beautiful*, and *The Thin Red Line* .

Saving Private Ryan director Steven Spielberg was honored as Best Director over Roberto Benigni (for *Life is Beautiful*), John Madden (*Shakespeare in Love*), Terrence Malick (*The Thin Red Line*), and Peter Weir (*The Truman Show*).

However, Benigni didn't go away empty handed. He gave interesting acceptance speeches. The first came when *Life is Beautiful* won Best Foreign Language Film, and the second when he was awarded Best Actor defeating Tom Hanks, for *Saving Private Ryan*, Ian McKellen in *Gods and Monsters*, Nick Nolte for *Affliction,* and Edward Norton in *American History X*.

In the Best Actress category, Gwyneth Paltrow took the Oscar for *Shakespeare in Love*. Also nominated were Cate Blanchett for *Elizabeth,* Fernanda Montenegro in *Central Station*, Meryl Streep in *One True Thing* and Emily Watson for *Hillary and Jackie*.

Shakespeare in Love's Judi Dench was awarded Best Supporting Actress, beating Kathy Bates in *Primary Colors*, Brenda Blethyn in *Little Voice*, Rachel Griffiths in *Hilary and Jackie*, and Lynn Redgrave for *Gods and Monsters*.



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Saving Private Ryan Director, Steven Spielberg, acceptes his Oscar for Best Director. Though Spielberg won, his film did not win Best Picture.

Affliction's James Coburn was selected as Best Supporting Actor, sharing nominations were Robert Duvall in *A Civil Action*, Ed Harris for *The Truman Show,* Geoffrey Rush in *Shakespeare in Love,* and Billy Bob Thornton for *A Simple Plan*.

Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard had the Best Original Screenplay for *Shakespeare in Love*. For the Best Adapted Screenplay, Bill Condon was awarded the Oscar for *Gods and Monsters*.

Shakespeare in Love also won the Awards for Best Art Direction, Best Costume Design, and Best Original Music.

Saving Private Ryan won Awards for Best Sound and Sound Effects Editing, Best Film Editing, and Best Cinematography.

Best Original Song was From *The Prince of Egypt*, "When you Believe", which was sung by Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston. The Best Original Dramatic Score was from the Italian movie *Life is Beautiful*.

New book tries to help college women find Mr. Right

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Do you feel like your boyfriend would rather spend time with his buddies? Does he hold you to some impossible standard? Are you passive and too eager to please?

These are just examples of the many issues covered in a book designed specifically for college age women on how to handle relationships.

Dr. Steve D. Bertholf, author of "What Every College Age Woman Should Know About Relationships," takes an in-depth look at relationships and common "relationship problems" young adults are likely to face such as jealousy, telephone games and balancing friends with boyfriends.

Throughout the book, Bertholf offers useful tips for people to remember when in a relationship. For example, he recommended being patient when looking for a boyfriend. As he puts it, "The right guy is worth the wait" (tip two). He also suggested that women shouldn't fool themselves into thinking their love will turn a toad into a prince (tip six).

Most young women will be able to identify with at least one of the short, yet realistic, scenarios presented in the book. Some of the scenarios also address relationship problems with controlling parents, messy roommates and much more (any of this sound familiar?).

Hey guys, this book may have been written with women in mind, but that shouldn't stop you from reading it. Both men and women can learn from Bertholf's relationship tips. What college student hasn't experienced at least one problem with a particular relationship, especially that messy roommate.

"What Every College Age Woman Should Know About Relationships" is a short and easy read. I recommend it for anyone who is looking for a healthy, solid relationship or just trying to strengthen an existing one.

Weekend's top movies

A strong showing by *Forces of Nature* ended Robert Deniro and Billy Crystal's two-week reign in the number one spot at the weekend box office.

Dreamworks' new romantic comedy features a sassy Sandra Bullock and a buttoned-down Ben Affleck as mismatched traveling companions trying to get from New York to Savannah. The canny casting resulted in a box office jackpot, with the movie raking in approximately $13.9 million.

Getting busted down to second place but still going in its third weekend was *Analyze This,* which rang up an estimated $11.9 million to push its three-week take into the neighborhood of $60 million.

File Photo

Ben Affleck and Sandra Bullock play mismatched companions on a road trip from New York to Georgia.

Clint Eastwood's *True Crime* debuted at number three, but it only grossed about $5.3 million despite receiving generally positive notices from critics.

Inexplicably holding strong in fourth place was Kathleen Turner's *Baby Geniuses*, which rang up sales of approximately $4.5 million. Warner Bros. animated remake of *The King and I* and Sarah Michelle Gellar's *Cruel Intentions,* finished in a tooth-and-nail battle for the number five spot with each taking in an estimated $4.2 million.

Plummeting from second place to seventh place was *The Rage: Carrie 2* which scared up just $3.6 million, and looks to be bound for a fast fade along with the eighth and tenth place finishers *The Corruptor* ($3 million) and *The Deep End of the Ocean* ($2.7 million.)

After dropping out of the Top 10 last weekend, Best Picture winner *Shakespeare in Love* made a dramatic recovery, ringing up sales of about $2.8 million to claim the ninth spot.

NSU arts in full bloom in next few weeks with theater and exhibits

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Students can always count on the University's theater program to make the final weeks of school a bit more entertaining.

Sixty cast and crew members have already begun rehearsal for the upcoming production of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" which will be held in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium April 21-28 at 7:30 p.m.

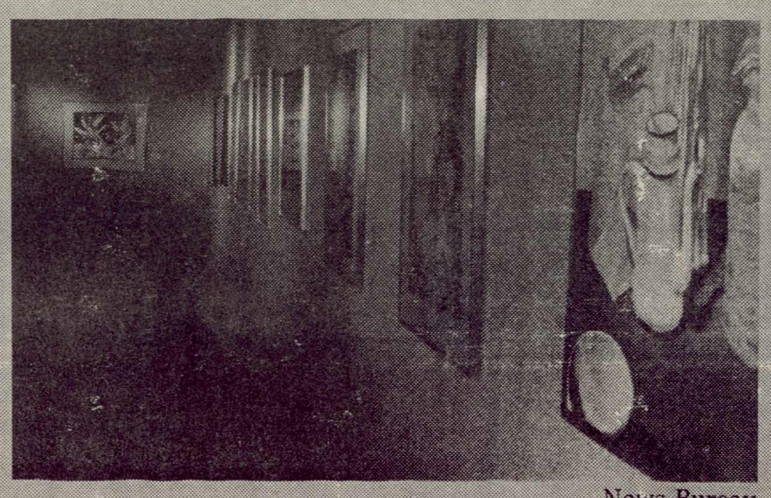
There will be a series of directing scenes and six senior final projects that will be performed at various times during the week of finals.

Don't worry, summer school students. The theater program hasn't fogotten about you.

Coming in either early June of late July, the University's Summer Dinner Theater presents "Two by Two," a musical storytelling of Noah and the ark directed by Dr. Jack Wann.

The Summer Desert Theater will perform "Pippen." Directed by Mr. Scott Burrell, this comical and jazzy version of Charlemagne is not expected to be performed unitl late July.

Also in the next few months, there will be several different art exhibits available to view in the Hanchey Art Gallery. They have started recently with senior Shelley Blanchard and will to highlight the work of a Northwestern art student throughout the spring and summer semesters.



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Art exhibit by senior Shelley Blanchard in the Hanchey Art Gallery. Expect more fine exhibits in the gallery in the future.

Features

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Is there life after graduation?

Dean gives advice on the graduate school process

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Getting into graduate school can be a complicated and confusing hassle for any student who is unfamiliar with the application process.

In an attempt to uncomplicate this process, the University's professors and administrators have put together a list of helpful tips for students interested in attending graduate school.

It is important for the student to decide what anticipated degree he/she wants to pursue and then make sure that the chosen graduate school offers that course of study.

It is also important for the student to determine whether geography is a major factor in choosing a school. If location is not important, the student's "window of opportunity" stretches across the country.

"If you're thinking about going to graduate school, start looking early," Thomas Hanson, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, said. "Some programs are selective with the number and quality of the students."

According to Hanson, because most universities have a website, the internet is an excellent source in helping inquiring students find a Graduate School that fits their needs.

Once a school is chosen, the student should begin the application process.

At most universities, including NSU, this process includes: a submitted application to the university of choice, a transcript from all other universities attended, Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores and immunization for all new incoming students.

Specialist programs, such as education specialist and psychology, may require letters of recommendation as part of the application process.

Students interested in attending graduate school should begin the application process as soon as possible.

Although Northwestern accepts general admission applications into Graduate School anytime, most institutions require that applications for Fall semester are due by February or March for early acceptance.

"It's institution dependent," Hanson said. "Applications in most institutions are generally due by the first quarter of the year that the student anticipates on attending."

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Students interested in receiving a higher degree must meet the minimum requirements needed to apply for graduate school. These requirements vary depending upon which program the student plans to pursue, either non-degree or degree status.

"Once the student has decided on a program at an institution, the best thing to do is contact that institution and ask about their requirements," Hanson said.

With regards to NSU, the requirements for admission to graduate school in a non-degree status include: a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university, a completed application on file prior to registration, official transcripts from the university granting the highest degree on file prior to registration and a letter of good standing from the last institution attended.

Requirements for regular admission to the University's master's degree program include: a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, a minimum of 2.5 quality point average on all undergraduate hours, the undergraduate prerequisites for the degree to be pursued, GRE scores for Verbal and Quantitative sections of at least 800 and any special requirements of the department for the degree to be pursued.

Under the master's degree program, provisional admission may be granted for one semester for students whose records have not been received. Provided that all requirements are met, the student may later be admitted conditionally or regularly to a degree program.

Conditional admission to a master's degree program may be granted for one semester of approved graduate study for either students whose GRE score is 600 or more, but less than the required minimum of 800 or students whose undergraduate quality point average is 2.0 or higher, but less than the minimum requirement of 2.5.

Conditional admission students must make a "B" or higher in each graduate course pursued to be promoted to regular degree status.

The highest degree offered here at NSU is the Specialist's Degree. In order to be considered for admission, each student must take a qualifying examination prior to the approval of this degree program.

Because finances are a common problem associated with most college students, assorted payment options are offered for Graduate School attendants.

Financial aid, loans and assistantships are available to all qualified Graduate School students at NSU.

The only payment option that Northwestern does not offer is a Fellowship.

According to Hanson, this is a grant of money usually offered by large research institutions for attending their university and generally does not require students to perform any other duty other than going to class and making good grades.

For more information, please call the Graduate School office at 357-5851.

Campus Spotlight: Sigma Gamma Rho

Andre' Williams
Contributing Writer

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho held their first annual "Sisterhood and Brotherhood Day" last Wednesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Student Union.

Ribbons and balloons representing the colors of all NSU fraternities and sororities decorated the Student Union as the new Spring 1999 line welcomed their fellow Greeks. The "Sisterhood and Brotherhood Day" marked the second day of the sorority's "Week of Splendor."

"We wanted to have something that included all Greeks from Alpha Phi Alpha to Phi Mu," Lakeshia Henderson said. "I think that it's important for Greeks to meet and associate with each other.

We are a new line, and many people have been seeing us on campus but don't really know who we are. We thought it would be a nice opportunity for us to actually meet and mingle with the other Greek fraternities and sororities."

"I think that this was a real good idea," Kappa Alpha Psi's Ronald Guillory said. "I met a lot of Greeks today. I attend classes with some of them, but today was the first time I really had a chance to meet them.",

"I think the day went really well," Sigma Gamma Rho member Ingrid Petry said. " We had a lot of Greeks that participated, and we expect next year to be even better."

The Sigma Gamma Rho's say they have many more activities planned for their future. Today, the Rho's begin their March for Dimes campaign.

NSU ROTC to sponsor blood drive in honor of fallen cadet

As he neared the end of his senior year, Kevin Longinotti had a bright future.

He was triple majoring in math, special education and secondary education at Vanderbilt. He was also a cadet in the school's ROTC program.

However, on April 16, 1998, a tornado struck the Nashville area. The tornado touched down at the training site where Longinotti was participating in Military Science Lab, and he was pinned by a falling tree. Tragically, Longinotti's wounds proved to be fatal.

While in the hospital, Longinotti required large blood transfusions, prompting his mother and fellow students to start a blood drive to replace the large amounts of blood Kevin had used.

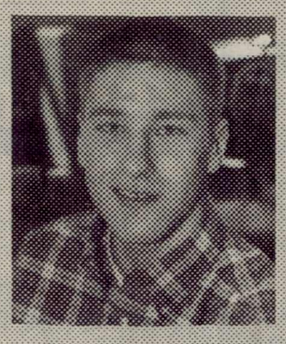
Northwestern State University and the Military Science Department are sponsoring a Lifeshare Blood Drive in memory of Longinotti.

The blood drive will take place April 12 through 15. The Lifeshare Bloodmobile will be located outside the Student Union building on April 12, 13 and during the hours of 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., and on April 15 from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Please join us to donate during this time.

Longinotti was a former Junior ROTC Battalion Commander, a high school valedictorian, a dormitory head resident and an outstanding Senior ROTC cadet. He was posthumously commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, as he had completed all requirements for commissioning.

"Current Quotes"

"What are your plans for spring break?"



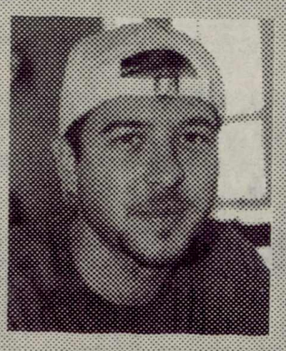
"I am going to study a little and visit my family and then get plastered."

Jeremy Shaw
Freshman

"I am going home to spend time with my family and get my classwork done that my teachers assigned me over the break."
Sarah Griffith
Sophomore

"I am going home to relax from the pains of school."

Arkishia Choklin
Junior



"For the first couple of days I'm going on a church retreat and then I was thinking of doing some volunteer work at the Baton Rouge food bank."
Jeremy Lacombe
Senior

Sports

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Demon face problems in the ninth

Baseball team loses three on the road under same pretenses

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Home is where the heart is.

Home is where you hang your hat.

Home is also where the Demons baseball team is heading back to after a dismal road trip which saw them lose 4 out of 5 games, including 3 that were lost in the 9th inning, against Southern Mississippi and conference rival Nicholl's state.

The losses drop the Demons to second in the conferece, one game behind Northeast Louisiana and in a two-way tie for second with Southwest Texas. The Demons now stand at 15-9 overall and 6-3 in conference play.

"Our pitchers have not been throwing good pitches below the belt," said Demon coach John Cohen.

"We turned average hitters into good hitters by keeping the ball up," Cohen later said.

Two of the Demon losses came at the hands of the Southern Mississppi Golden Eagles Tuesday and Wednesday. In tuesday's game, the Demons only managed to get two hits but scored 5 runs in the first 8 innings of play. The ninth saw the Demons tied 5-5 when Steven Bell connected on a 2-run home run to seemingly put the Demons ahead for good 7-5. Bell's home run was the second in the game for the Demons. Ryan Anholt had connected earlier for the Demons on his tird home run of the year.

However, two Demon releivers could not hold the lead, as USM stormed back to score 3 unaswered late in the their half of the ninth.

Pete Wardell was tagged with the loss. It was his first of the season.

Wednesday's game lacked the drama that Tuesday's game supplied, as a 5-run 3rd inning for the Eagles did in the Demons in a 10-5 loss. NSU held an early 4-3 lead, but in the third inning, USM manufactered 5 runs to put the Eagles ahead for good, 10-4.

The Demons had scoring opportunities late in the game. In the 7th, the Demons Tom Batson had one of his four singles of the game in this inning, and the Demons had the bases loaded with one out in the inning. Steven bell walked on four straight pitches to bring in Anholt from 3rd to cut the lead to 10-5.

That is as close as they would get after an almost-certain single by Brent Trosclair was caught by USM 2nd baseman Eric McMaster, who then turned the catch into an inning-ending double play.

Matt Stovall also picked up his first loss of the year. He pitched 3 2/3 innings in relief, allowed 6 earned runs on 9 hits and 1 walk.

After a thursday travel day, the Demons returned to conference play against Nicholls State. However, they managed to bring along the 9th-inning bug with them from Mississippi. In the first game, the Demons were one strike away from closing the door on the Colonels. But with two outs in the 9th, Nicholls third baseman Dariel Baez singled down the right field line to keep Nicholls alive. After a bobbled ball by Anholtz at shortstop, Nicholls had runners on 1st and 2nd. After a double by Doug Gill to tie the game at 5-5 the winning run came in as the the Colonels won the first game 6-5.

It was the first time the Demons had lost three games in a row this season. David Balcer threw 138 pitches in the game and picked up the loss. His record now stands at 5-3.

The Demons rebounded in the second game. Both Adam Stout and Jason Slanina held the Colonels to only 6 hits as the Demons won 4-2 to end thier three-game slide. The Demons got two runs in the third after Anholt was hit by a pitch from Davey Bourg. After that, centerfielder Chris Cox ripped a double that scored two runs.

Northwestern would add another run in the sixth when Buddy proctor nailed a double that woud bring in pinch hitter Demathfian Tate.

Stout would remain perfect, upping his record to 5-0, while allowing two runs on only four hits and strinking out six.

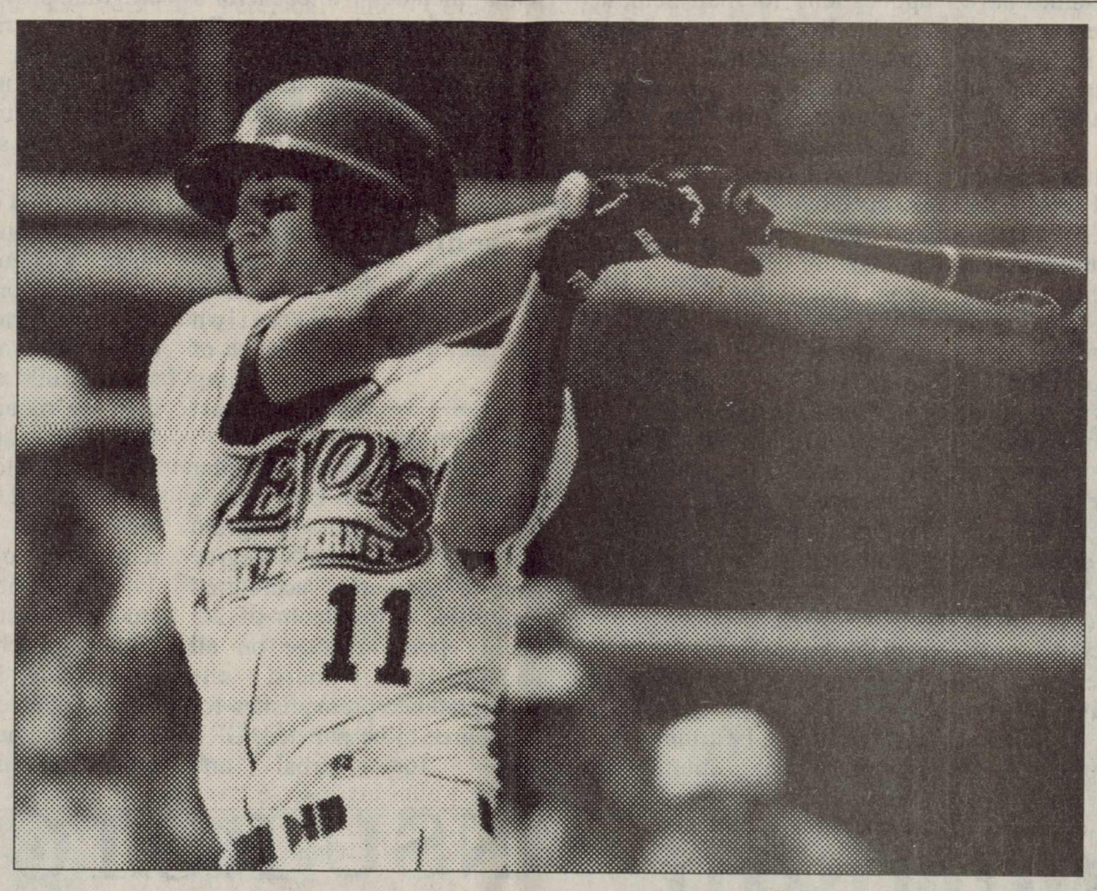
However, the Demon luck would not last, as the next day, the Demons once again found themselves on the down side of a 5-4 ninth inning loss.

The two teams were deadlocked at 4-4 when, with 2 outs in the inning, Nicholls second baseman Jacques Jobert doubled in the winning run after Kevin Perret singled to center.

The Demons struck out 14 times against Nicholls pitcher Zach Murray. Murray, who was 1-3 before the game and had an 8.00 ERA, retired 10 straight Demon batters in the last three innings of play.

Clifton Glidwell picked up his 2nd loss in relief. He is now 0-2.

After this road trip, the Demons get a chance to head back to Brown-Stroud field to play USL on Wednesday evening. After that, the Demons open up a three game set against McNeese starting on Thursday.



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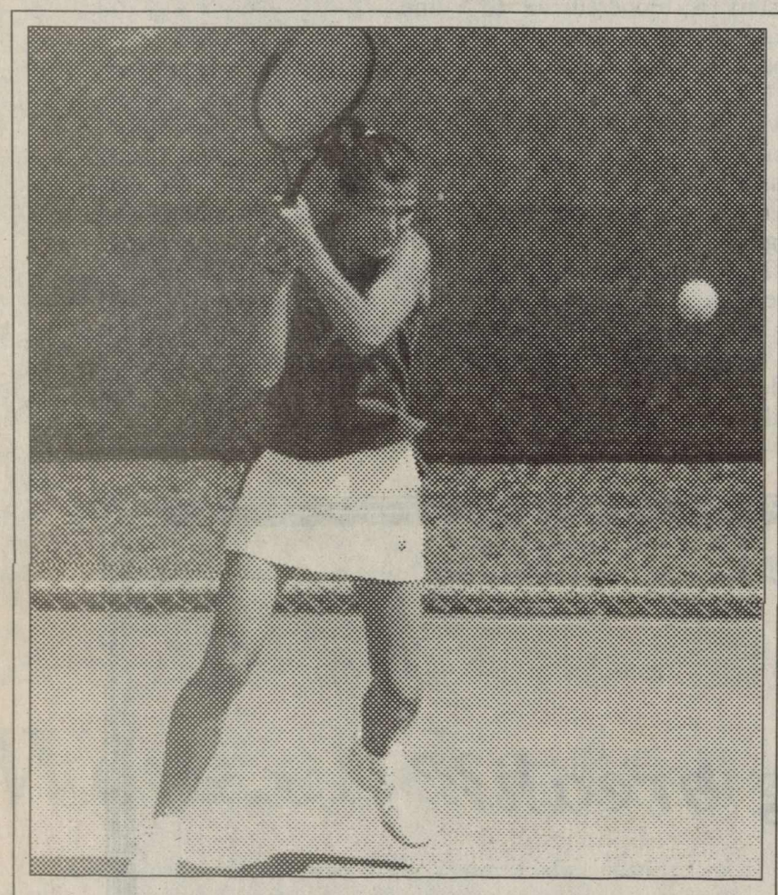
Center fielder Chris Cox hits a two run double in the second game of the Nicholls series which Northwestern won 4-2.



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Marta Zivanov keeps in pace during singles play, but eventually lose her match 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Nicholls outlasts in close matches

Sports Information

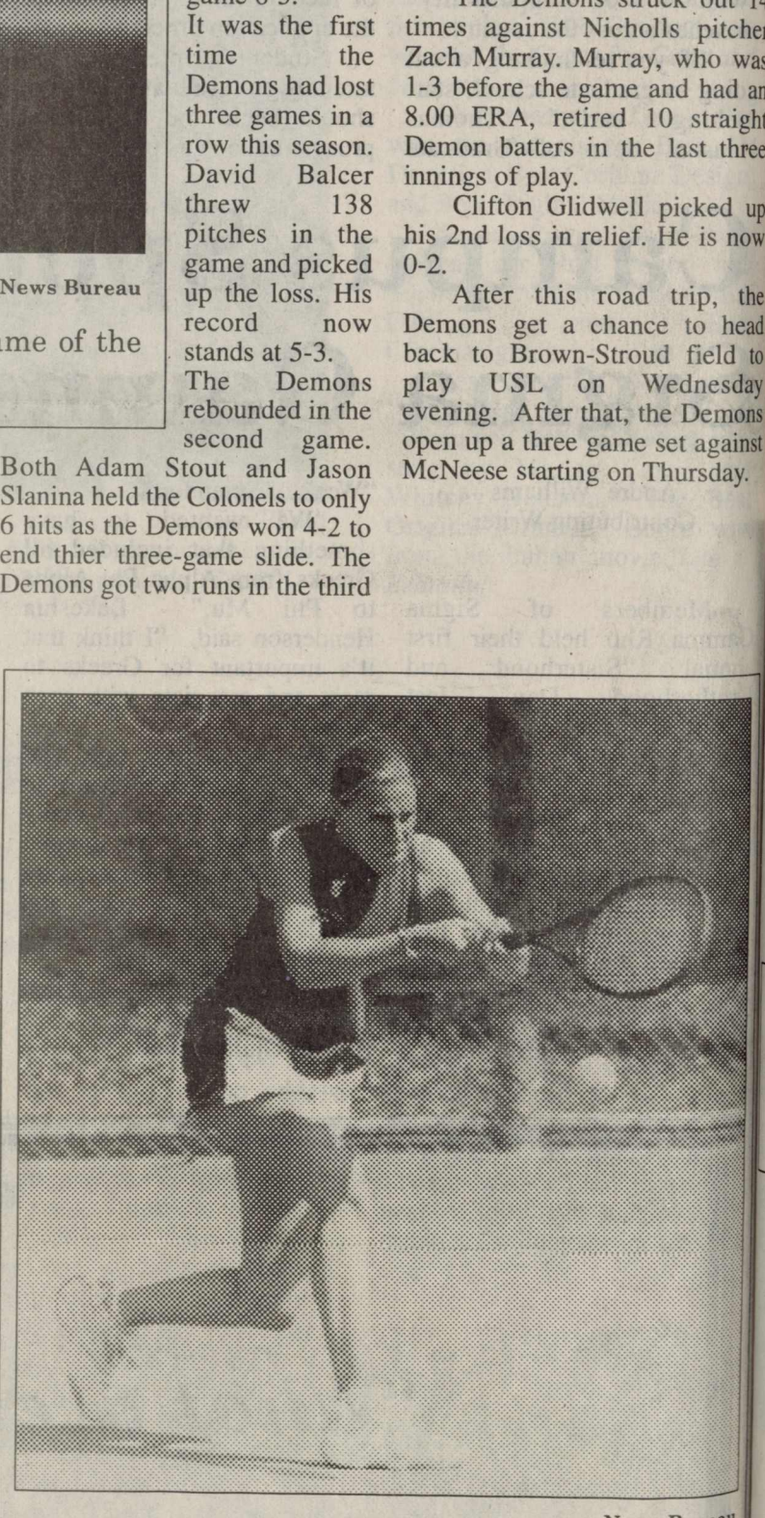
Hard fought singles wins by Nicholls State's Pingkan Lumenta and Sandra Gloria helped lift the visting Lady Colonels to a 6-3 win over Northwestern State in Southland Conference women's tennis action Sunday.

Lumenta held off a rally by Merlin Prezens in the No. 3 singles to win 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Gloria came back for a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over no. 5 Brandee LaSuzzo.

Those two wins gave Nicholls, not Northwestern, a 4-2 lead after singles play. The Lady Colonels locked up the match with an overwhelming 8-0 triumph in the no. 1 doubles by Romana Tedjakusuma and Lumenta over Marta Zivanov and LaSuzzo of Northwestern

Nicholls improves to 6-4 overall and 4-2 in conference play. Northwestern (4-5, 2-3) was led by Branie Matthews, who won the No. 2 singles match 6-3, 6-4 over Catherine Gauthier and teamed with Prezens for an exciting 8-6 victory over Gloria and Virginie Villani.

Natalie Unger handed the Lady Demons their other win, taking No. 4 singles by 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 over Villani.



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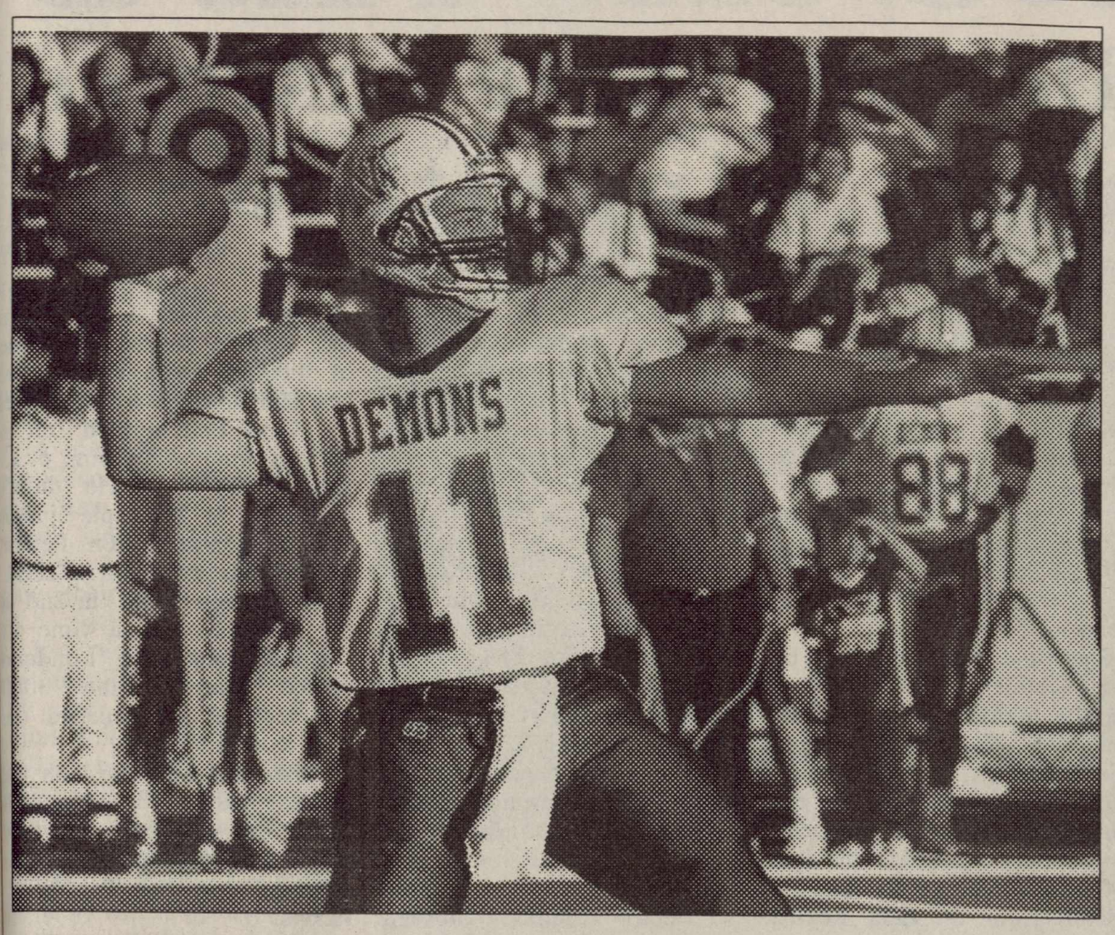

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Home is where the heart is.

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Home is also where the Demons baseball team is heading back to after a dismal road trip which saw them lose 4 out of 5 games, including 3 that were lost in the 9th inning, against Southern Mississippi and conference rival Nicholl's state.

The losses drop the Demons to second in the conferece, one game behind Northeast Louisiana and in a two-way tie for second with Southwest Texas. The Demons now stand at 15-9 overall and 6-3 in conference play.

"Our pitchers have not been throwing good pitches below the belt," said Demon coach John Cohen.

"We turned average hitters into good hitters by keeping the ball up," Cohen later said.

Two of the Demon losses came at the hands of the Southern Mississppi Golden Eagles Tuesday and Wednesday. In tuesday's game, the Demons only managed to get two hits but scored 5 runs in the first 8 innings of play. The ninth saw the Demons tied 5-5 when Steven Bell connected on a 2-run home run to seemingly put the Demons ahead for good 7-5. Bell's home run was the second in the game for the Demons. Ryan Anholt had connected earlier for the Demons on his tird home run of the year.

However, two Demon releivers could not hold the lead, as USM stormed back to score 3 unaswered late in the their half of the ninth.

Pete Wardell was tagged with the loss. It was his first of the season.

Wednesday's game lacked the drama that Tuesday's game supplied, as a 5-run 3rd inning for the Eagles did in the Demons in a 10-5 loss. NSU held an early 4-3 lead, but in the third inning, USM manufactered 5 runs to put the Eagles ahead for good, 10-4.

The Demons had scoring opportunities late in the game. In the 7th, the Demons Tom Batson had one of his four singles of the game in this inning, and the Demons had the bases loaded with one out in the inning. Steven bell walked on four straight pitches to bring in Anholt from 3rd to cut the lead to 10-5.

That is as close as they would get after an almost-certain single by Brent Trosclair was caught by USM 2nd baseman Eric McMaster, who then turned the catch into an inning-ending double play.

Matt Stovall also picked up his first loss of the year. He pitched 3 2/3 innings in relief, allowed 6 earned runs on 9 hits and 1 walk.

After a thursday travel day, the Demons returned to conference play against Nicholls State. However, they managed to bring along the 9th-inning bug with them from Mississippi. In the first game, the Demons were one strike away from closing the door on the Colonels. But with two outs in the 9th, Nicholls third baseman Dariel Baez singled down the right field line to keep Nicholls alive. After a bobbled ball by Anholtz at shortstop, Nicholls had runners on 1st and 2nd. After a double by Doug Gill to tie the game at 5-5 the winning run came in as the the Colonels won the first game 6-5.

It was the first time the Demons had lost three games in a row this season. David Balcer threw 138 pitches in the game and picked up the loss. His record now stands at 5-3.

The Demons rebounded in the second game. Both Adam Stout and Jason Slanina held the Colonels to only 6 hits as the Demons won 4-2 to end thier three-game slide. The Demons got two runs in the third after Anholt was hit by a pitch from Davey Bourg. After that, centerfielder Chris Cox ripped a double that scored two runs.

Northwestern would add another run in the sixth when Buddy proctor nailed a double that woud bring in pinch hitter Demathfian Tate.

Stout would remain perfect, upping his record to 5-0, while allowing two runs on only four hits and strinking out six.

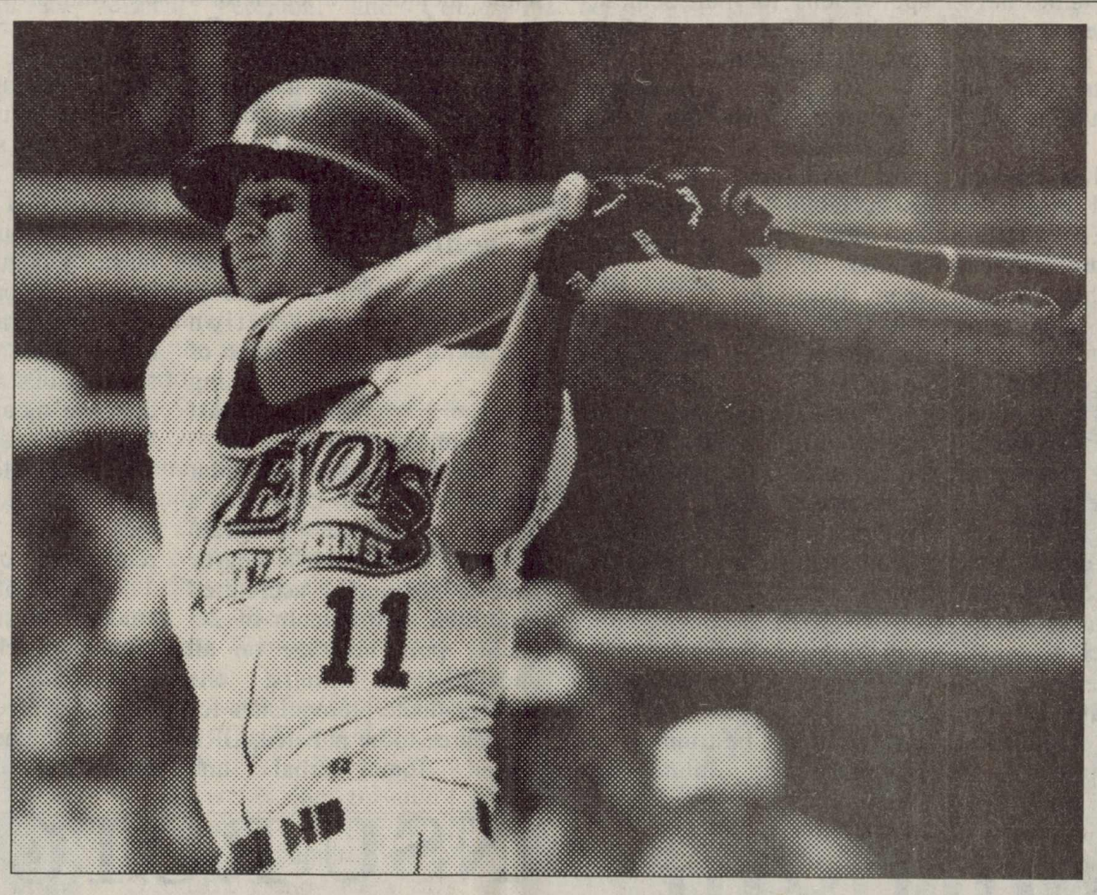
However, the Demon luck would not last, as the next day, the Demons once again found themselves on the down side of a 5-4 ninth inning loss.

The two teams were deadlocked at 4-4 when, with 2 outs in the inning, Nicholls second baseman Jacques Jobert doubled in the winning run after Kevin Perret singled to center.

The Demons struck out 14 times against Nicholls pitcher Zach Murray. Murray, who was 1-3 before the game and had an 8.00 ERA, retired 10 straight Demon batters in the last three innings of play.

Clifton Glidwell picked up his 2nd loss in relief. He is now 0-2.

After this road trip, the Demons get a chance to head back to Brown-Stroud field to play USL on Wednesday evening. After that, the Demons open up a three game set against McNeese starting on Thursday.



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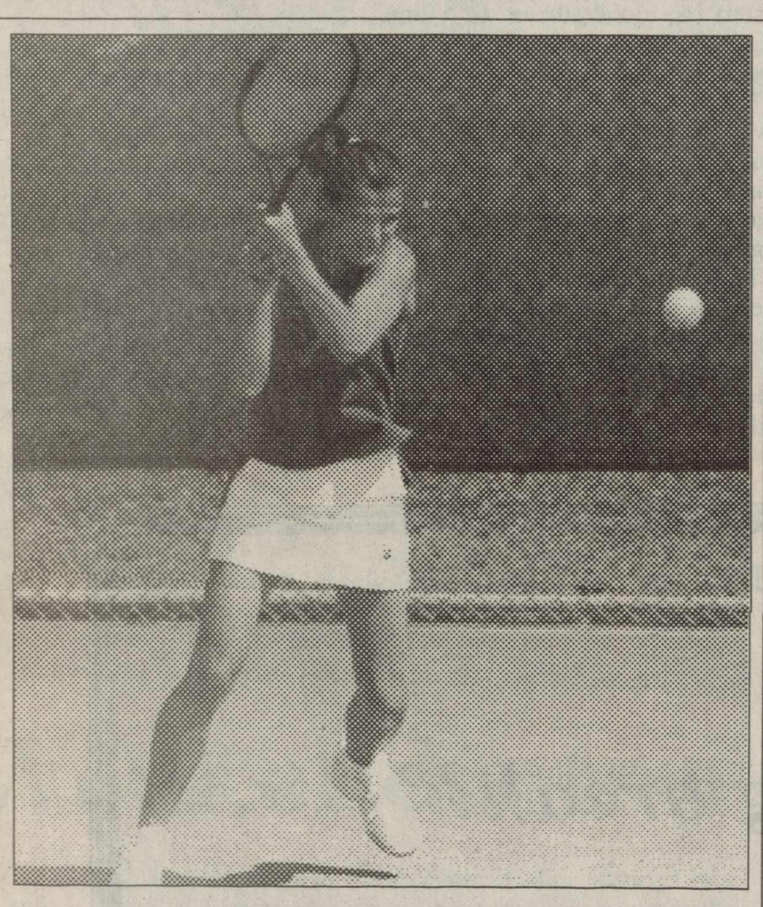

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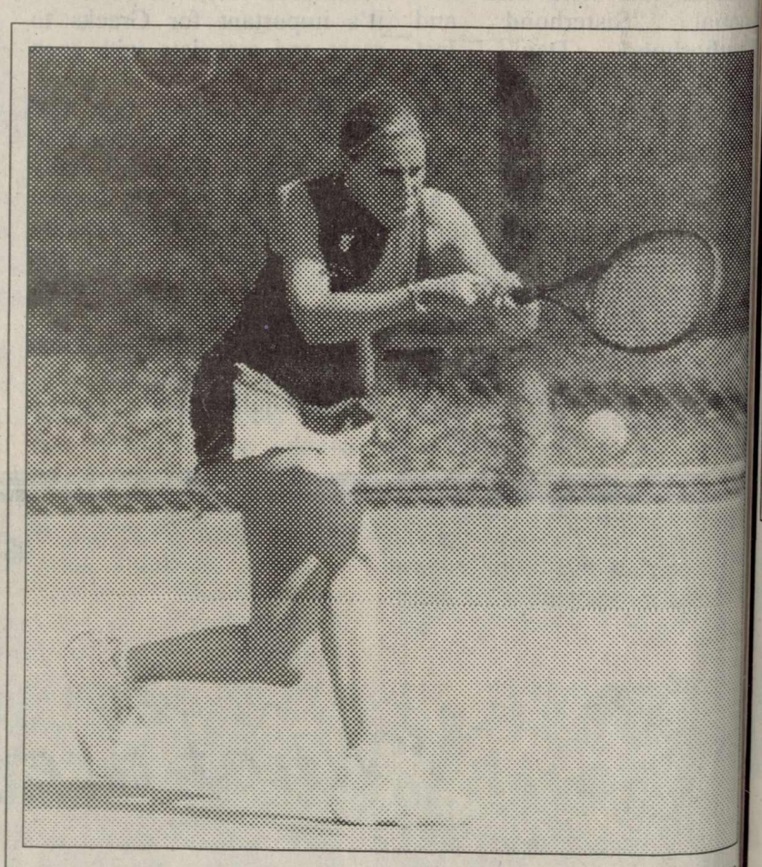

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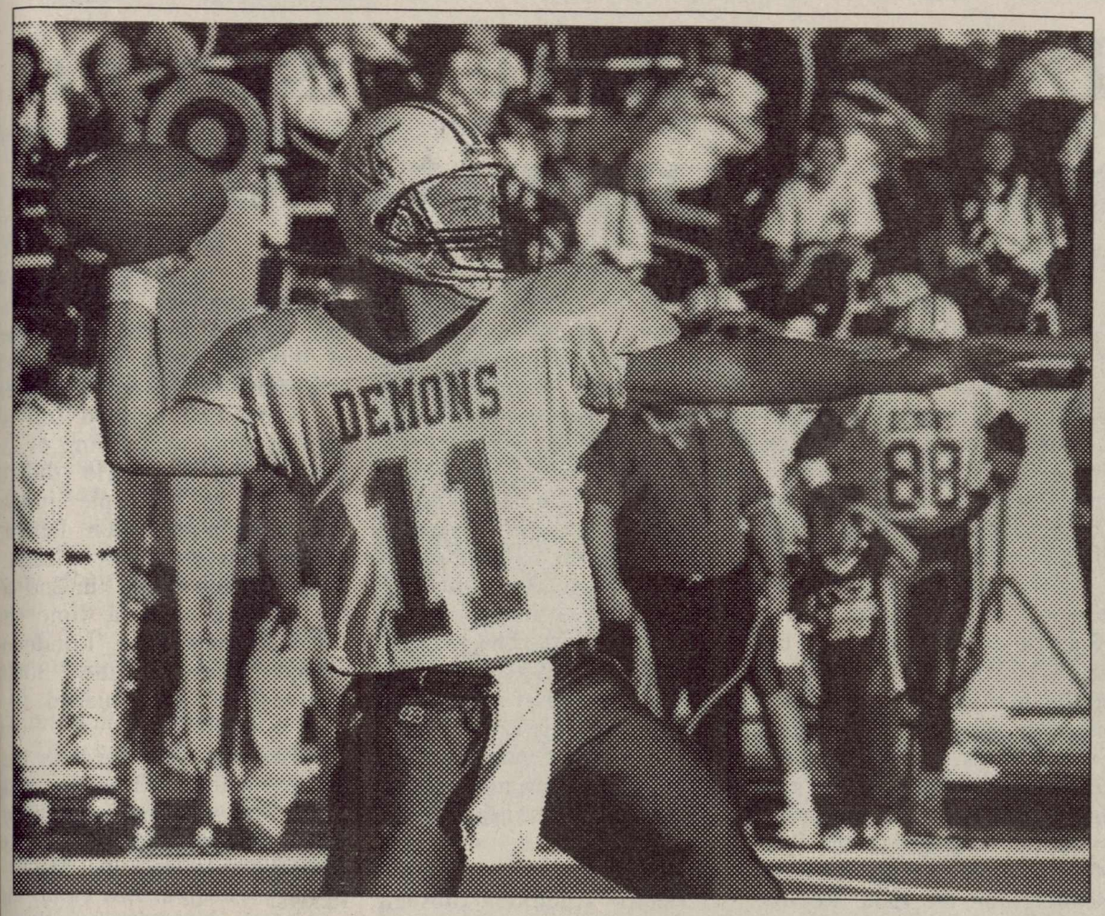

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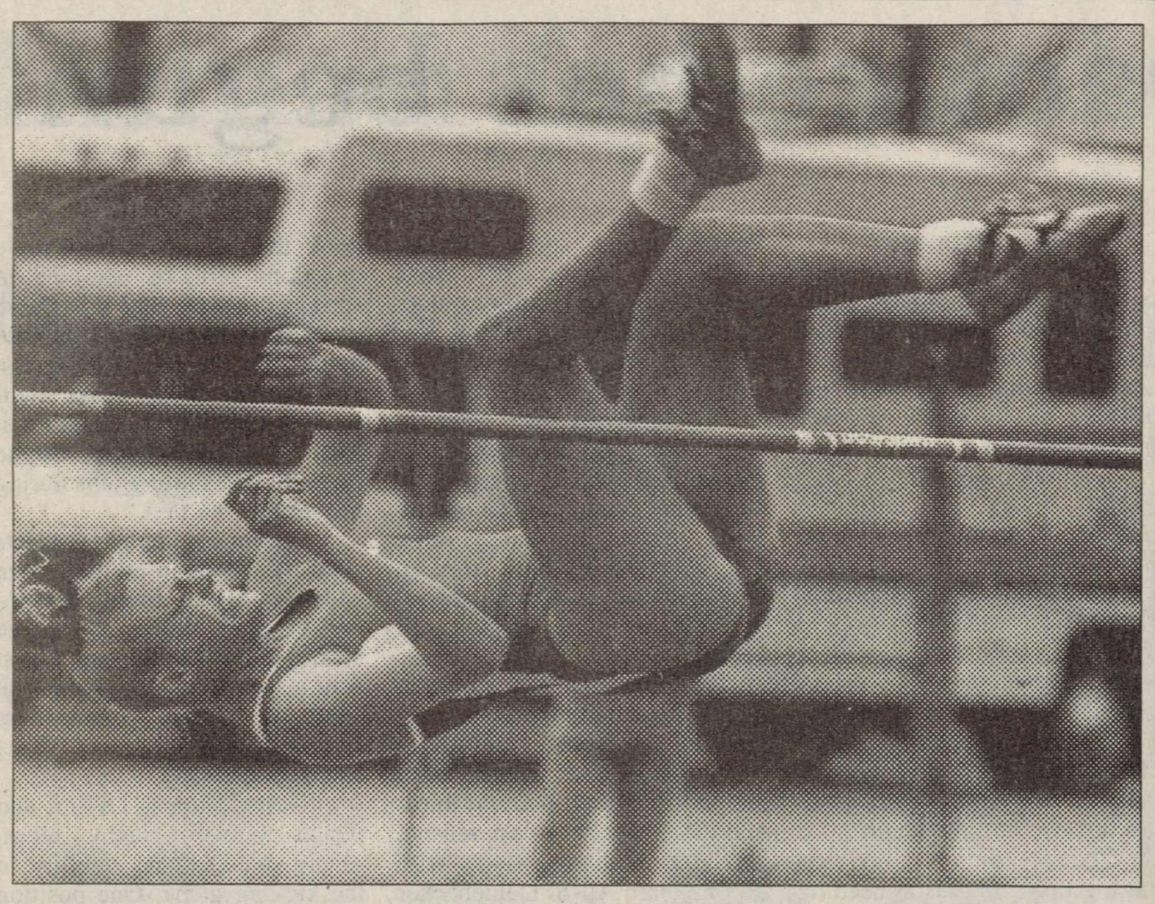

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Another Demon track record was tied last week as the Lady Demons netted 5 first-place finishes and the Demons picked up a first place finish in at the Louisiana Classics Track and Field Meet.

Christin Carter's high-jump mark of 5 feet, 8 inches tied a 10-year old school record set by Janice Miller in 1989. Her win in the high jump kept her unbeaten so far this season. Carter's mark is also the best jump posted so far in the Southland conference this year.

Carter's jump was the first of two other Lady Demon victories on the field. Regina Roe won the javelin event with her throw of 145 feet and 1 inch. Tabitha Johnnigan's throw in the shot put event of 48 feet is also the best so far in the Southland conference.

On the track, the Lady Demons also Christal Traylor distanced herself from the others in the 800m. She checked in first with a time of 2:15.33. Chante' Daily finished first in the 1500m, checking in with a time of 4:55.01.

Alisa Matthews placed 3rd in the triple-jump at 40 ft and 3/4 inches, but was the top collegiate finisher in the event. The two that were ahead of her were not affiliated with any college.

Hector Andujo finished ahead of everyone in the 1500m race. Andujo finished in a time of 4:00.25, which was also the best showing in the conference.

Kenta Bell finished 2nd in the long jump with a jump of 23 feet, 8 inches. He didn't compete in the triple jump. Bell, along with Wilton Peters, finished 5th in the 200 in 22.64. Mark Keough came in 2nd in the 5000m, with a time of 15:39.35 and Juan Londono placed 2nd in the 3000 steeplechase. He finished the race in 9:52.17.

The next stop for both the Demons and Lady Demons will come this weekend when they return to Beaumont, Texas to compete in the Ty Terrell Relays.

Bench-A-Thon like 1998 football season

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Staff Reporter

With 26 personal records broken and $25,710 raised, the 1999 Northwestern football team's Bench-A-Thon was definitely a huge success.

"It was a great night," said Sam Goodwin, head coach. .

He could not have been more right. A huge crowd gathered to see the football team striving to achieve new heights. Twenty-six of the players broke their previous best record on the bench press by jumping 10 or more pounds at a time.

The Bench-A-Thon is a contest that involves the members of the football team getting pledges of certain amounts of money for the amount of weight they lift on a bench press. The contest is divided into three categories: the light weight division, the middle weight division and the heavy weight division.

Winners in the light weight division included Daiquri Rabb in third place with a lift of 290 lbs., Kevin Hall in second place with a lift of 345 lbs. and Mike Stone in first place with 365 lbs.

In the middle weight division, Troy Sumrall lifted 390 lbs. to take third place. Terry Brannagan and Thomas Ogle could not decide who should be the winner, so they decided to tie at a lift of 400 lbs.

There was not a conclusive final in the heavy weight division either as Blaine Wilks laid claim to third place with a lift of 405 lbs. Ahmad Willis and Jimmy Bridges, however, had to tie the event with 425 lb. lifts.

According to Goodwin, the crowd helped to make the lifts possible for the players.

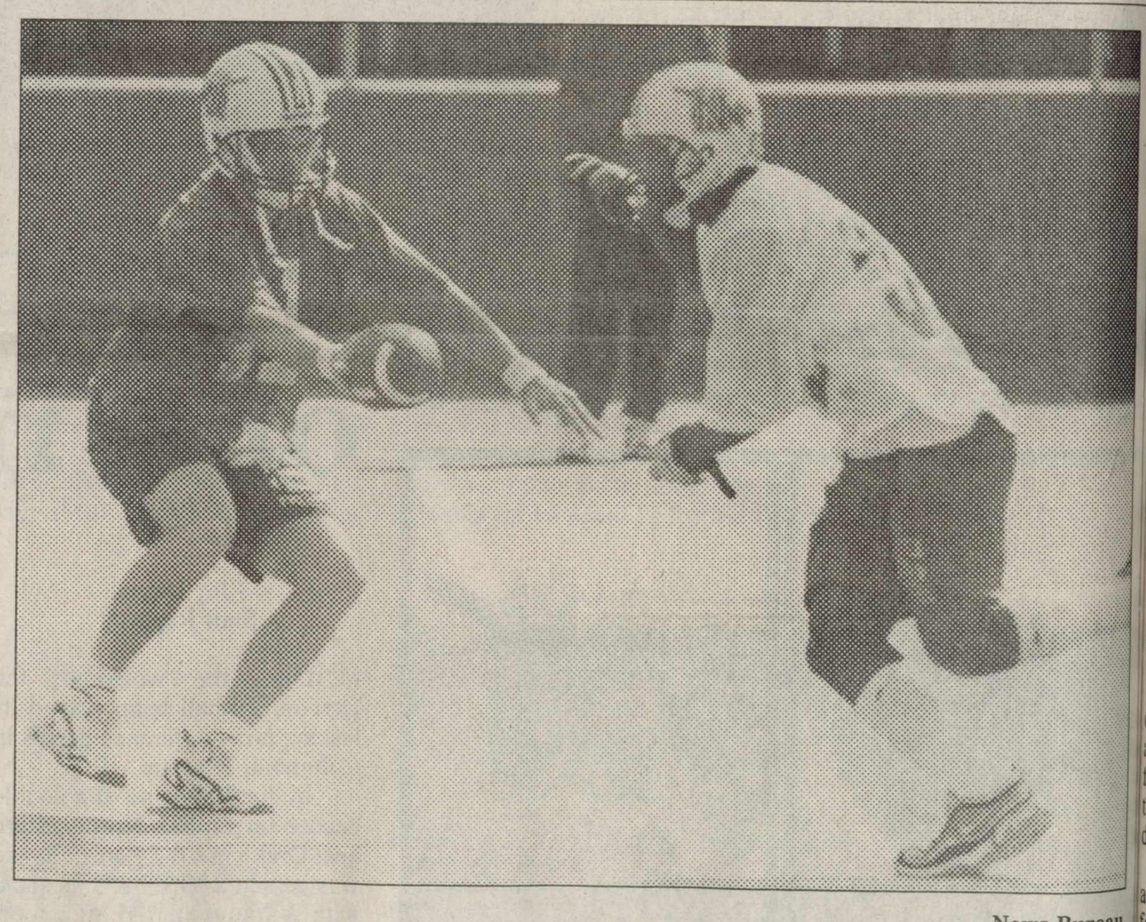
"It was so much better than last year," said Goodwin. "There were a lot more people here, and the boys tend to produce much more in front of the crowd."

Some of the boys produced in more ways than just breaking their weight lifting records.

Terry Brannagan raised $440 for the team. Gene Tennison raised a whopping $570 for the team for the second straight year,

Bo Meeks raised the most money with $708. The team as a whole raised $25,710, which will be used to pay off the 1998 Southland Conference Champion football rings that the players will be receiving.

This year's Bench-A-Thon also included contests for fraternities and sororities. Marcus King of Kappa Alpha Psi claimed the men's event when he lifted 385 lbs. Tri Sigma gained the women's award when Maggie Cathey benched 95 lbs.



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Senior quarterback Brad Spangler hands the ball off to Tony Taylor in practice this weekend.

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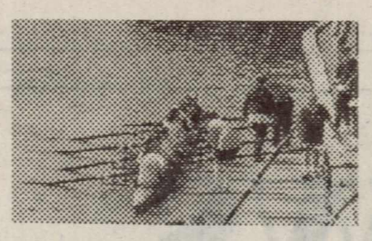

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Thursday concert will highlight Spring Fling

This week marks the beginning of the University's annual Spring Fling, sponsored by the SAB.

A brown bag lunch will be held Wednesday with the NSU Jazz Band playing in the Student Union courtyard from noon to 1:30 p.m. Students bring their own brown bag lunch.

In addition, "Almost Anything Goes" fun and games will take place in the P.E. Majors Building from 3-5 p.m.

The highlight of Spring Fling will be the concert featuring Spank the Monkey and Cowboy Mouth on Thursday in Prather Coliseum. The doors will be open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. General admission is $10 and tickets can be picked up in advance in the lobby of the Student Union. NSU students get in free with their college ID.

Next week's activities includes hypnotist Bob Lane April 12 in the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. A comedian will be in the Ballroom April 13 at 7 p.m. Other activities include mud volleyball at Tarlton Field April 14 at 2 p.m. and bingo April 15 at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. A crawfish boil with novelty acts will take place April 16. Two bands, Red Elvises and Jen Cohen will be featured.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

New head basketball coach Mike McConathy talks to reporters about his goals for the Demon Basketball Team. McConathy was the head basketball coach at Bossier Parish Community College.

McConathy named head b-ball coach

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Mike McConathy, regarded as one of the best junior college coaches in America and, as said by Chicago Bulls' head coach Tim Floyd, "the hardest worker I've ever known," will get the opportunity to resurrect the Demon basketball program his father helped build as the next head coach of the Demon basketball team.

"Mike has built an extraordinary list whose achievements over the long haul have established him among the elite in his field," said Athletic Director Greg Burke at the press conference two Wednesdays ago.

McConathy, who was accompanied by his wife and two children, left the head coaching position at Bossier Parish Community College, where he created one of the most dominant Junior College basketball programs in the nation.

His overall record at the school was an amazing 351-162 (.684), including a 185-45 (.794) record since 1992. McConathy's teams at BPCC have won 20 games or more in 11 of his 16 seasons there, and have been in the top 10 of the national Junior College Top 25 rankings in the past three years.

"I am very appreciative of this opportunity," said McConathy. "It's a great opportunity to come into a university that has a track record of extremely good athletic programs and move the basketball program to a championship level."

He has created a Junior College dynasty at BPCC. His last six teams have won the Miss-Lou conference titles. Last year's team went 28-6 and ranked 8th nationally. The year before that, he led his team to a 27-3 mark and a #3 ranking in the national polls.

"He has built the coaching record he has with players in our recruiting base," stated Burke.

McConathy emerged from a field of about seven candidates looking to replace former Demon head coach J.D. Barnett. Barnett resigned March 1 after 5 seasons at Northwestern.

McConathy, who says he will run a more "fast-paced" offensive style, certainly has Northwestern basketball in his blood. His father, Johnny McConathy, was a member of arguably one of the best Demon basketball teams ever. He was an All-American on the 1952 Demon team that went 24-5 and reached the NAIA finals. He would set a still-standing school record by averaging 21.6 points a game.

McConathy's father and two uncles, George and Leslie, who also played on the 1952 Demon team, are in the university Graduate "N" club.

"This is a chance to bridge the past to the future," said McConathy, "as the McConathy name has been synonymous with Northwestern basketball for over 50 years."

Several coaches from other divisions and teams also backed McConathy. Floyd, who was a teammate of McConathy, also said that "I respect him more for what he's done (at BPCC) than I do many high profile Division I coaches. He's real."

McConathy also got endorsements from Hall of Famer Don Haskins, retired LSU coach Dale Brown, and former NSU Baseball coach Jim Wells.

McConathy is a 1977 graduate of Louisiana Tech with a bachelors in Health and Physical Education. McConathy was a fourth round draft pick of the Chicago Bulls in 1977. McConathy and his wife Connie have two children, Micheal, 12 and John, 11.

Art Society prepares for 'The Show'

Mary A. Freeman
Staff Reporter

It is simply called, "The Show," and it will run from April 14-30.

Shown in the Hanchey Gallery, it will be the second annual art show hosted by the University's Student Art Society.

"The Show" is a competition among art students, and is also the main fundraiser for the group. It is also a part of the accreditation process for the department.

Entries are first reviewed by a jury, which is comprised of faculty members. If the student's work makes the cut, it will be allowed to enter the competition.

A judge will later determine the winners. To promote fairness, the judge will not be a member of Northwestern's faculty. This year the judge will be from Steven F. Austin.

"We're trying to make it as professional as possible," Chris Bordelon, vice president, said.

Last year there was 50 to 60 pieces in the show. This year the number is expected to increase to about 100.

"The Show" is the sole work of the University's Student Art Society. Members "do all the work," Dr. Bryant, head of the Art Department, said.

"I really feel that our students are very competitive," said Dr. Bryant. He also said that he was, "kind of proud of them."

"It's going to be fun," Bordelon said. "We want everybody to come."

There will be free food, and a band at the awards.
The awards show and reception will be at 7 p.m., April 22. Students are encouraged to attend.

CORRECTION:

In the last issue of *The Current Sauce*, Marcus King was incorrectly identified as a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. We regret the error.

Students speak out about LSUA

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Central Louisiana residents' hopes of Louisiana State University at Alexandria becoming a four-year institution were recently dashed by the Board of Regents.

Several NSU students that live in the central Louisiana area still expressed their views on how it could have affected them, if it had passed.

Vance Reynolds, junior accounting major, supports LSUA becoming a four year institution because it's close to home and it would cut out the added expense of traveling.

"Speaking as a commuter student, I would be at LSUA right now because of the money saved on driving. Also, the extra time I would save from driving could be applied to studying" said Reynolds.

According to Reynolds, LSUA becoming a four year institution would benefit people in the Central Louisiana area.

"LSUA has good professors as well as good programs" said Reynolds.

Reynolds says the only reason he is attending NSU is because it is closer to home and he can't afford to move to attend a bigger University.

Mona Coody, senior social work major, says "NSU would not be getting my money if LSUA were a four year institution."

Coody says that when choosing a college the decision making process is always based on money.

"I attend college where it is cheaper and the programs are creditable" said Coody.

Coody says it is a big sacrifice to travel to NSU, but she does not have a choice because of the current status of LSUA.

Kevin Brough, senior Business Administration major, also supports the change in LSUA.

"Had LSUA been made a four year university while I was still a freshman or sophomore in college, I would have transferred from NSU. For me, the decision would have been based on LSUA's convenience to home and work," said Brough.

Brough feels that by not making LSUA a four year institution, the state has "robbed many students of the opportunity of a college education by not giving them another choice in Central Louisiana besides LC," said Brough.

Hornsby/ Rome ticket named to head SGA

Melissa Robertson
Staff Reporter

Thirteen senators-at-large and five SAB representatives were without a student vote the Friday before Spring Break.

Although 15 positions were open for SGA senators-at-large and seven for SAB representatives, only 13 students applied for the SGA positions and five for the SAB positions.

The students who applied for positions were named to the office without a student vote because of the lack of applicants. Carl Henry, director of student organizations, said the students were automatically elected into the positions for the fall 1999 to spring 2000 term.

Senior Shawn Hornsby was named as SGA president. Hornsby, a political science major, has served on the SGA for three semesters. He plans to make several changes to the SGA in the upcoming semesters.

One of Hornsby's main goals is to publicize the SGA meetings more to encourage participation from the student body.

"I plan to either move the meetings or broadcast them through one of our media sources," Hornsby said. "I want to make the meetings more accessible for all students."

Hornsby

Another of Hornsby's plans for the fall semester is to introduce a system where students can view their fees.

"Students often want to know what their self-assessed fees are and where the money goes," Hornsby continued. "I plan to make a system that will make this information available to the students at the library."

Rome

Senior business major Paul Rome was named as vice president and junior business major, Justin Courtney, was named treasurer.

Newly elected senator Heath Crawford, a non-traditional student, believes SGA is important because it represents the voice of the students.

"I truly believe that we can fully represent the entire student body, not just the Greeks and traditional students," Crawford said.

The following students were elected as SGA senators-at-large: Senior Kevin Brough; Junior Vanessa Byrd; Sophomore Nathan Collier; Senior Heath Crawford; Sophomore Casey Jo Crowder; Junior Angelique Duhon; Sophomore Earl Gates; Sophomore David Gunn; Freshman Joey Hinderberger; Sophomore Joni Naquin; Sophomore Kevin Odom; Junior Niko Tesvich and Sophomore Chas Vandersypen.

Freshmen William Hooper, Rachel Howe, Katie Johnston, Gary Reese and Laura Wimberly were chosen as representatives of SAB.

Grad Fest offers tips to seniors

Miranda L. Coon
Staff Reporter

Grad Fest 1999, which is being held today, will provide graduating seniors the opportunity to have some of their questions answered and get all the supplies they need for graduation, thanks to the NSU Alumni Association and Wallace Bookstore.

Grad Fest will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Seniors will be able to purchase cap and gowns and have senior portraits taken. They will also be able to order announcements and class rings and have transcripts mailed in May.

Also offered will be information on career assistance available to graduates, as well as information on graduate programs offered at the University, including study guides for the GMAT, GRE, NTE, MCAT and LSAT.

Information will also be available about joining the NSU Alumni Association. Participants will receive a discount on certain NSU clothing and will be registered to win free prizes.

News

News Office 357-5384

Are the bricks sinking? Officials don't think so

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

Many students and faculty who have walked on the new crosswalks have noticed they appear to be sinking.

The crosswalks completed in early February are already getting rough. The two worst spots can be seen in front of Dodd Hall.

However, the sinking bricks were expected, officials said.

"We were aware that the bricks were going to shift," Waddy Norman of the University's Phsycal Plant said.

Norman said the bricks are shifting as the crosswalks are exposed to heavy traffic and the crushed rock beneath them is setting into place.

During the construction of the crosswalks, 12 inches of crushed rock were put down, locking bricks were laid in and a special type of masonry sand was poured over the bricks.

The sand was vibrated between the bricks with a machine that applied the necessary force.

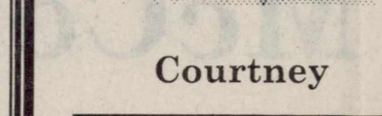
Since it was known the bricks would shift, precautions were taken ahead of time to deal with the problem. Under the bid contract, the bricks will be examined after a 90-day period and then covered with more masonry sand and repacked into the ground.

"There were many reasons for using this construction method," Loren Lindsay, director of the Physical Plant, said. "The new bricks clearly mark the crossing areas, help make the campus more handicapped accessible and eliminate the maintenance of keeping lines painted on the road."

Both Norman and Lindsay agreed that aside from these reasons, the crushed rock and masonry sand was used because it makes underground utilities much easier to access.

With all of the University's utilities underground, the cost and time involved in breaking up and repouring concrete is much higher than removing a few bricks and some rock.

This construction method is used often throughout the United States. Norman said the same construction method has been used to build the runways at the Dallas Airport and to construct the brick areas at Churchill Downs.



Courtney

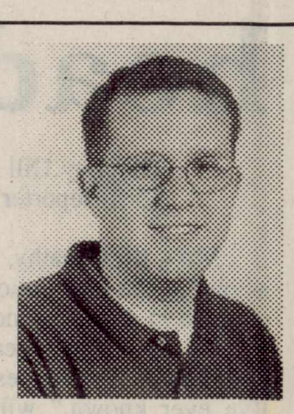
Justin Courtney presently classified as a Junior in the Department of Business will serve the 1999-2000 school year as Treasurer of the SGA.

Courtney is a third year accounting major and serves as the Chairman of the Prudential Committee for Kappa Alpha.

New SGA and SAB officials

Filings will reopen for two remaining SGA Senators-at-Large.
One SAB Representative-at-Large remains open but may not be filed until the Fall. Please make all inquiries in room 214 of the Student Union.

Photos were not available for many of the candidates.



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News

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Fifth Chopin conference to be held this weekend

A unique part of the area's culture will be celebrated this weekend at the University during The Fifth Kate Chopin Conference.

The literary works of Chopin will be featured April 8-10 and will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the publication of "The Awakening," Chopin's most widely discussed piece.

Nationally recognized scholars will present discussions during the conference including Marjorie Spruill Wheeler, an expert on women's history, and Emily Toth, who has been recognized internationally as a Chopin scholar for 28 years.

This year's conference, made possible through an $11,903 grant from Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Mary Linn Wernet, university archivist and head of the Cammie G. Henry Research Center in Watson Library, is this year's conference chairperson. Wernet has worked with the conference since its inception in 1989, but said the amount of funding received through LEH has never been as significant as it is this year.

"This will allow us to bring in premier Chopin experts," Wernet said. "The generous funding from LEH will help make this year's conference a big success."

A community panel discussion and book fair are also planned for this year's conference. The panel members will be people representing various ethnic and cultural groups from the Natchitoches Parish community that have read some of Chopin's works to discuss how they interpret Chopin's portrayal of their ethnicity and culture in her works.

Members of the community, students and anyone else with an interest in Chopin is invited to attend the conference.

For more information on the conference, call Wernet at 357-4585, by fax at 357-4470 or by e-mail at Marylinn@cp-tel.net.

Film Fest

The Louisiana Scholars' College Forum extends an invitation to everyone to attend its annual film festival.

At 7 p.m. on Friday in Studio A of Kyser Hall, the Scholars' College will be showing amateur videos made by students.

All students are eligible to participate, and they must turn in their movies to the Scholars' Office located on the first floor of Morrison Hall by Thursday.

"The film fest proves that a good film doesn't need million dollar budgets and high price pyrotechnics," Greg Gelpi, a past participant in the festival said.

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Campus Connections

Scholarship Office: Funding for TOPS will be delayed until further notice because of programming upgrades at the main LOSFA office. The estimated date of funding is the end of April. For more information, call the Scholarship Office at 357-4357.

Health and Human Performance Club: The first "Almost Anything Goes" will be held April 7 in the Physical Education Majors Gym from 3-5 p.m. as part of Spring Fling activities. Teams should be composed of six people with at least two girls or two boys on a team. The registration fee is $10 and should be turned in as soon as possible to the Health and Human Performance Club located in the P.E. Majors Building Office.

IEEE: Members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering are selling raffle tickets for a CD car sound system from Top Dog Audio. Tickets are $1 a piece and can be purchased from IEEE members or Tom Hall, IEEE advisor, in room 218 of Williamson Hall. Top Dog Audio is located next to Heilig Myers on La. Hwy. 1 South. The drawing will be held the last day of finals, May 8. Need not be present to win.

Phi Beta Lambda: Members of Phi Beta Lambda have joined efforts with the March of Dimes to raise money at the 1999 Natchitoches WalkAmerica on April 24. Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised goes directly into research, education and programs in your own community and all across the country to help build a brighter future. To find out more information on how an organization can participate in this year's walk, have a representative contact Dr. Walter Creighton at 357-5704 or any Phi Beta Lambda member.

Delta Sigma Theta: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta would like to thank everyone for supporting their recent raffle. The winner was Jay Dowson, who won $100. Congratulations Jay.

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Argus: The deadline for the spring art and literary contest is April 19 by 3 p.m. Students can submit entries in poetry, fiction, non-fiction and art. Submissions should be turned in at the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Boozman Hall. Winning submissions receive $100, $75 and $50 for first, second and third place respectively.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

If you would like to see ***The Current Sauce*** cover a particular topic please call 357-5384 or email us at: currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu

Also, ***The Current Sauce*** needs a new ad sales person. Payment is through commission. All applicants apply in room 103 of Kyser Hall.

Demon Dazzler auditions to be held Saturday

Those women interested in dance may want to attend auditions Saturday for the Demon Dazzlers.

Try-outs will be held April 10 from 8 a.m.-until at the Health and Human Performance Building. Auditions will be closed to the public. Practice sessions during the day are open to friends and family.

The Demon Dazzlers serve as the official jazz line for the University. The danceline performs at University athletic events including all home football games and selected basketball games. They also serve as the auxiliary unit of the "Spirit of Northwestern" Demon Marching Band.

In the spring semester, the Dazzlers perform at the annual Miss Lady of the Bracelet Beauty Pageant.

Participants will be evaluated on dance technique, choreography and stage presence. Each candidate is to have a 90-second dance routine prepared for first round evaluation. First round eliminations will be made from this evaluation.

Second round evaluations will include an evaluation of dance technique such as turns, leaps, etc.

To be eligible for Saturday's audition, all candidates must plan to enroll at the University and participate for both fall and spring semesters. Each candidate must maintain a 2.0 GPA on all academic work.

This includes both semester and cumulative averages. Transfer students and first semester freshmen must also enter with a 2.0 GPA. Out-of-state students must maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 to be eligible for an out-of-state fee waiver.

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Give me a break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

Over the Spring Break, I took great joy in becoming completely lifeless and not worrying about anything except when my gallon of ice cream would run out and if staying in the sun for eight hours would fry my brain along with my skin.

However, I did take an hour or so to glance at the news. As a journalism major, I feel it is my duty to keep apprised of the latest happenings. I am shocked and somewhat ashamed to say that I appear to be one of a very select group who gives a hoot about what is going on in the outside world.

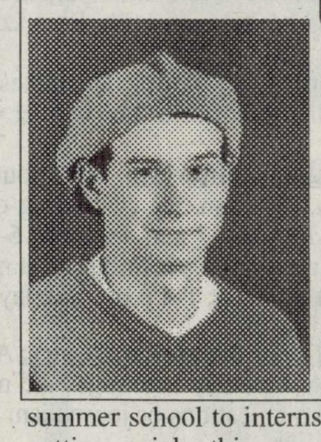
When I spoke to a friend of mine over Spring Break, I asked his opinion of the situation in Kosovo. (If you don't know what I'm talking about, shame on you.) His response was one of bewilderment and confusion.

Okay guys; I know that we all tend to become stuck in this little cocoon called Northwestern and tend to ignore the outside world. But a little outside information (and I don't mean a call from Mom and Dad) never hurt anyone.

There are currently 300,000 ground soldiers across the United States who have orders to go to Kosovo if things continue to heighten. Several days ago, a congressman presented a bill that would force women to sign up for the selective service at the age of 18. Does anyone see where I am going with this? This is not some little tiff where the United States flexes its muscles and the other guys run off in fear. It's been almost two weeks, and nobody has backed down.

So many times, we become so convinced that we are untouchable by anyone. Let me assure everyone, this is the farthest thing from the truth. The proof is on the three guys faces who have been captured by the Serbs in Kosovo.

The campus according to Casey



Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

It never fails...as soon as you think you might know what is going on, life throws you a curve ball.

Perhaps, it is nature's way of keeping us in check, or maybe it is proof positive that god has a sense of humor, or maybe Gautama was right and none of this lends to edification. Whatever the case is, recognition of humility in one's life is very much a healing process.

During my marathon semi-circle, that contained stops in Atlanta, GA, and Dothan, AL, and was directed towards locking up the post-graduation job that I want and picking up my child whom my parents had kidnapped (with permission) for a week. Needless to say, there might have been a bit of frazzledness stored somewhere inside of me that was given the opportunity to get out.

A funny thing happened on the way to anxietopolis...I saw a lady wheeling her groceries out of a grocery store.

This lady appeared to be in a similar demographic as mine: mid-twenties, living in the Atlanta area. She had a child and did not look as though she was earning six figures annually. None of this was the part that caught my attention.

As she wheeled her groceries and her child out of the store, she took a moment to climb up on the back of the cart with one foot, push off with the other and then ride the cart for a few yards.

I would have never paid any mind to something so innocent, but at that moment what I needed was to be reminded just how important innocence is.

As we approach the end of the final spring semester of the millenium, we will all have many expectations both set by us and set upon us. From summer school to internships to getting a job, this can be the most stressful time a student has to face. Many do not bear in mind that this is also the most exciting time a student can face.

With transition comes the fear of the unknown. This, coupled with the overwhelming sense of urgency we tend to instill into our mindset, one could potentially give out or (even worse) give up.

There is a simple, easy to do solution to this anxiety...balance.

Take time out to balance your life. How you choose to do this is completely subjective...get a hobby, read some books, or watch for shoppers who like to ride their carts.

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

Many an individual has taken the time to question me lately as to the point of a student run newspaper. To this inquiry, I offer one simple response. As with many facets of college life, from pulling all-nighters to living off of grade "E" for edible meat, the purpose is to experience in order to best be prepared for when we leave this community.

Reading is great. In fact, I highly recommend it, but reading cannot be the sole learning tool that the University utilizes. It only follows that on-hand situations be provided so that students can put into practice all that they read.

Think about it. Would you lie down and allow someone to cut you open and play with your insides when they had only read about surgical procedures? If your answer is "yes," then I have read about investing large sums of money. Can I do a little investing for you?

One aspect of the college experience is dealing with the various publics with which an academic area affords a student to come into contact. Interaction, such as this, is crucial for preparing one for life.

Unfortunately, several members of *The Current Sauce*'s public have expressed disapproval recently with the content in the paper and the manner in which this content has been presented. Many have offered critical suggestions for improving the paper. Others have simply issued threats of physical violence.

"If you ever dare to write about me or my organization, then I swear I'll hunt you down and beat you," one brilliant student commented.

Those who know me know that my 5'10" 130 pound body isn't exactly the most intimidating thing known to man. Although, me and my brothers aren't afraid.

The ***sum*** of those ***who*** make such idle threats amounts to very little.

It amazes me how open-minded individuals can be in a place of higher learning.

Let me just go on record as writing that not all news is good news, but it is our job and our responsibility to all of our public to present all of the news. No childish threat of physical violence will hinder either myself or any other staff member from doing this.

APATHY...Athletics, SGA, SAB

Although this article may fall on deaf ears, I will attempt to reach those students in question.

What does it take to encourage students to get involved on campus? The most impressive events I have seen have been the storming of the field after our conference championships and the voter turnout at the IM referendum. Other than those specific events, I have been greatly disappointed.

I know that over 5000 students are not so busy that we cannot have more than 18 people run for 22 open spots in two of the most known organizations on campus.

What does it take?

Only 13 of 15 SGA positions were filled and only five of seven of the SAB positions were filled.

These positions allow for input on programs ranging from child care programs to calendar decisions to the Spring concert. Are there only one or two dozen students out of the entire Natchitoches campus who want to be involved?

What does it take?

How do I convince you that in order to have a legitimate right to complain, you have to participate in some manner. Otherwise, you are just another cry baby in the crowd. I personally do not care for you people.

What does it take?

If by some chance the fault lies within the current set up, then by all means tell me.

I realize that NSU is not the only university to suffer from student apathy (not giving a shit). I would love to have problems such as only 10 percent voter turnout because that would mean there were enough people to at least have a vote. At NSU, we do not have the opportunity to combat the problem of low voter turnout because we cannot get enough people to file for the positions.

What does it take?

Let me know at currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor
President Elect

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp

Letter to the Editor

Paying for school is a touchy subject. In many cases, students are unable to find adequate funds.

For the '98-'99 scholastic year, I was issued two unsubsidized Stafford loans totaling just over six thousand dollars. I received these funds and used them to cover school expenses.

Halfway through the spring semester, I was notified that I had not qualified for one of the loans, in the amount of $4,000. The Financial Aid department stated that the loan would be canceled and the University would have to repay the lender, therefore, I owed the University $4,000 - to be paid immediately.

Common sense told me that something was not right. I did not find it just or fair to give someone $4,000 under the assumption that it would be repaid six months after graduation, and then demand immediate repayment. With this, I wrote a letter to President Webb asking for his help. I received no response.

I had a meeting with the Vice President of Student Affairs. He informed me that I would not be able to enroll in any semester or summer program until the balance was paid. At this point, I began to research the subject.

I began by spending tedious hours at the Department of Education's web-site. There is a complete library available for Financial Aid Professionals (You don't have to be a professional to use this site).

I found documents from the Student Financial Aid Handbook and Verification Guides that clearly conflicted with the arguments the Financial Aid Department was presenting me. Each time I referred officials to articles pertaining to the subject, they would change their explanations for why I was obligated to pay. In my last meeting with University officials, I was told that the University stood behind their decision and any further action would have to be through an attorney.

I have no intention of ridiculing the University. I simply wish that the appropriate department officials would take responsibility for their mistakes. I feel I have no other option but to take legal action.

I am offering complete FREE information to anyone interested in learning more about their rights concerning Financial Aid Overawards and Overpayments. Phone: 357-4564.

Sincerely,

B.J. Dufrene
Business Major
Freshman

Hornsby v. Gelpi
Who do you hate more?
Email *The Current Sauce* and vote on who you hate more as Shawn Hornsby and Greg Gelpi attempt to piss off as many people as they can in the last three issues of the semester. There is no draw here like there was in the Holyfield/Lennox fight.
Currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu

Dear Tony, the Lonely

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Pleasantville proves to be a pleasant surprise

Raechal Leone
Staff Reporter

Time after time, movie executives have the brilliant idea to make a movie about people getting magically zapped into their televisions, with usually mediocre results. However, one of the latest movies to follow that trend, *Pleasantville*, is considerably better than others and recently came out on video.

The plot, and the movie at some points, is cheesy; two very 90s teenagers use a magic remote control and get trapped in the 1950s Donna Reed type show "Pleasantville." Luckily, one of the teens is a big fan of the sitcom and knows what's going on in the show. He reasons that if he and his trendy sister just play along, they will soon be able to get back home. However, she has other plans and is intent on bringing the residents of Pleasantville up to date with the 90s culture.

The town of Pleasantville is nice and quaint until the two newcomers arrive and begin provoking emotions the citizens never even knew they had inside of them. As the town changes and feelings other than pleasantness emerge, people and things in the black and white world of Pleasantville begin to turn into color. What follows could be compared to the Civil Rights era of the 1960s in America. It's black and white versus colored people, tradition versus change, good versus evil.

Though the movie started out as a comedy, the theme of prejudice makes it dramatic. The central characters are so in-depth that the audience can't help but sympathize with them as they are chastised for being colored and different than they are expected to be.

Pleasantville is funny, different (other than the premise) and has great special effects, but I'm glad I waited to see it on video. Overall, it was, well, pleasant.

Music performance set for April 19

Trumpeter Niklas Eklund will present a masterclass/demonstration at Northwestern State University April 19 at 10 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. He will be joined by soprano Maria Keohane.

Eklund performs with ensembles including the London Baroque, La Stagione in Frankfurt, the Bach Ensemble in New York and the Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble in Stockholm. Critic Andy Hamilton of Classic CD, a magazine published in England, ranked Eklund as one of the top six young trumpet players in the world.

For the past three years, Eklund has worked as a soloist after spending five years as the principal trumpet with the Basel Radio Symphony Orchestra. His upcoming plans include playing in Russia, Australia and the Ukraine as well as in the United States

His first solo CD, "Virtuoso Trumpet Concertos," was a bestseller in Sweden and in other countries. He has made two additional CD's with music for trumpet and organ and baroque duets with soprano Susanne Ryden and the London Baroque. A fourth recording, "Virtuoso Trumpet Concertos 2," was released in Scandinavia last October.

NSU Theatre to bring a tale of winter this spring

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Recently the University's Theatre Program brought the students the timeless play *Dancing at Lughnasa*. Now they are attempting an even bigger endeavor when director Dr. Jack Wann, coordinator of theatre at NSU, brings William Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* to the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium from April 21-25 and 27-28 at 7:30 p.m.

The Shakespearean masterpiece revolves around a Sicilian king named Leontes and his jealousy over the attention that his wife, Hermione, gives visiting Bohemian King Polixenes.

Convinced that his queen has committed adultery, Leontes imprisons her and in a fit of rage orders the unborn child in her womb to be abandoned the moment it is born. In the aftermath of this, his wife dies in prison, his son dies of despair, and the king dedicates himself to a life of mourning.

After all of this, the play changes directions and becomes a heartwarming and joyous tale for the second act. It is now nearly two decades later and the setting has changed to Bohemia.

It is found that the beautiful girl Perdita is the long lost daughter of Leontes. The son of Polixenes meets the girl and the two fall in love against the king's wishes. It is then when they flee to Sicily were Perdita's true identity is revealed and King Leontes, now a changed man, welcomes her back and is overjoyed to have his daughter after all those lost years.

Members of the cast are Guy Davis of Baton Rouge as Leontes; Melony Ebeling of Prairieville as Hermoine; Steven Cooper of Lake Charles as Polixenes; Jennifer Steiner of Natchitoches as Paulina; Amy Lynn Houck of Ruston as Perdita; Jena Peevy of Natchitoches as Mariana; Alex Peevy of Natchitoches as Antigonous; Nathan Engleman of Natchitoches as Camillo; Clayon Chauvin of Abbeville as Florizel and Jenae Yerger of Natchitoches as Adriana.

Also in the cast are, Eric DeFratis of Natchitoches as Lodovico; Darcy Malone of New Orleans as Mospa; Annie Fackler of Lafayette as Dorcas; Amy Magourik of West Monroe as Silvia; Guy Miller of Pineville as Cleomenes and Jordan Paul of Cincinnati as Dion.

Cowboy Mouth member tells of Mercyland before the band's trip to Northwestern

Ask any of the four members of New Orleans' *Cowboy Mouth* what *Mercyland,* the bands new album, means. You'll get four different answers, and there in lies the rub. The veteran musicians of *Cowboy Mouth* have been touring and playing relentlessly for seven years, cutting a unique and passionate swath through rock & roll like the flowing source of energy and power whose rippling surface belies the powerful force churning beneath.

In those seven years, a *Cowboy Mouth* gig has always assured old and new fans alike an evening of unparalled performance. A handful of acclaimed independent CDs - *Word of Mouth* (1993), *Mouthing Off* (1994), and *It Means Escape* (1995) - have hinted at such possibilities but only once the release of MCA's *Are You With Me?* in 1996 has that vitality begun to be captured on CD. With noted producer Mike Barbiero (whose mix and producing credits include Blues Traveler, Guns 'n Roses and Counting Crows) at the boards, the promise of *Are You With Me* is kept 14 times over in *Mercyland* and delivered at full volume. If ever the case could be made for the sum being greater that the whole of its parts, the answer would be a simple two words: *Cowboy Mouth.*

File Photo
Cowboy Mouth in their native New Orleans. The band will perform at NSU this Thursday.

For Paul Sanchez, *Mercyland* is the figurative "place we go to when we play, and the place I hope (the fans) hear us." Songwriter/singer/guitarist, Sanchez is self-effacing about his talent for composition despite plying his facile craft with an expert precision. The years of writing have paid off well for him, and it's not unusual to see a crowd mouthing the anything-but-simplistic lyrics of "Little Blue One" in concert. That's one reason why songs like "Shotgun in My Soul" and the wistful "Great Wide Open World" have been woven into the bands material, and blend well with the newer "I Wanna Believe" and "Outta My Way Back to You."

"I'm always looking for the light. Sometimes I squint so hard while looking I miss it," Paul muses with a touch of irony. "Because Mike Barbiero made working on this album so creatively challenging, it made us all excited to be part of *Cowboy Mouth* again."

Hope...ambiguity...healing...redemption...*Mercyland* is as many different things as it is one: a muscular but melodic ride through the heart of *Cowboy Mouth.*

Psycho: That boy just ain't right

Karly Pierre
Staff Reporter

"We all go a little mad sometimes"-Norman Bates

Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* petrified audiences for more than 30 years. The storyline was as unique as the director's vision.

Released in 1960, *Psycho* horrified moviegoers and left an impression not easily erased. It was no secret that after seeing *Psycho* one found it difficult to take a relaxing shower. *Psycho* was based on a novel written by Robert Bloch. The movie starred Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles and John Gavin.

Psycho has all the elements of a great story—murder, mystery, incest, and insanity, not to mention a gorgeous cast. This is a brief overview of the film.

The movie opens with an aerial shot of a city. The camera gradually peeks through the window of a hotel where we find Marion and Sam barely clothed. They want to get married, but Sam is not financially stable. Marion goes to work where a large sum of money is left in her care. She can't resist.

Marion steals the money and runs away to join Sam. While traveling to meet her lover, Marion gets caught in a storm and pulls off the highway where she sees the flickering lights of the Bates Motel. The shy, awkward Norman Bates checks her into a room and invites her to have dinner with him. As they talk over sandwiches and milk Norman slowly reveals his true nature and the torment of his "illness."

Norman: You know what I think? I think that-we're all in our private traps-clamped in them. And none of us can ever get out. We-we scratch and claw, but-only at the air-only at each other. And for all of it, we never budge an inch.

Marion: Sometimes we deliberately step into those traps.

Norman: I was born in mine. I don't mind it anymore.

After dinner, Marion retires to her room. Norman (Mother) kills her. Sam and Marion's sister, Lila, comes to the Bates Motel looking for clues as to what happened to Marion. Sam rescues Marion from Norman (Mother) and they discover Norman's dirty little secret. Norman is arrested. The final scenes consist of a psychological explanation of Norman's condition.

Psychologist: Matricide is probably the most unbearable crime of all-most unbearable to the son who commits it. So to erase the crime, at least in his own mind, he stole her corpse...he hid the body in the fruit cellar...and that still wasn't enough. So he began to think and speak for her, give her half his life, so to speak.

The Mother half would go crazy when Norman was aroused by a woman and would kill the woman. The closing scene shows Norman sitting in a room thinking as Mother and looking quite insane.

Mother: I hope that they are watching, they will see, they will see and they will say "why she wouldn't even harm a fly".

Weekend's Top Movies

Doubtless benefiting from the soaring level of interest in George Lucas' forthcoming *The Phantom Menace,* the sci-fi brain twister *The Matrix* dominated the weekend box office, easily posting the highest three-day take of the year.

Thanks at least in part to the presence of slimmed-down star Keanu Reeves, *The Matrix* rang up an estimated $27.6 million in weekend ticket sales, a figure that nearly doubles the $14.5 million opening weekend mark set by Reeve's *Speed* in 1994. *The Matrix,* which opened midweek to get a jump on the Easter weekend crowds, also performed well Wednesday and Thursday and has taken in approximately $37.2 million overall.

The long-term outlook is excellent for the futuristic thriller which was written and directed by brothers Andy and Larry Wachowski. The next film likely to compete directly for its core audience is Universal's similarly effects-laden *The Mummy*, which won't bow until May 5 - by then odds are good *The Matrix* will have become either the first of second (after the still strong *Analyze This*) movie released this year to top $100 million in total grosses.

Lagging far behind in spots two and three were the weekend's other new releases, *Ten Things I Hate About You* and *The Out-of-Towners.* The Shakespeare-inspired teen romance *Ten Things* took in about $8.7 million, while Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn boosted the widely panned Neil Simon remake to an estimated $8.1 million.

There was a dead heat for fourth place between Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck's *Forces of Nature* and Robert Deniro and Billy Crystal's *Analyze This*. Both films were estimated to have grossed $6.3 million - a slightly more impressive total for the determinedly enduring *Analyze* than for the fast fading *Forces*.

Sixth place went to Matthew McConaughey's *Edtv*, which tallied just $4.6 million - McConaughey's folksy Ed hasn't quite captured the public imagination in real life the way he does in the movie.

Resurgent Best Picture Oscar winner *Shakespeare in Love* took the number seven spot with an estimated take of $3.3 million, and now needs to gross in the neighborhood of $15 million over the remaining run to climb past the $100 million mark.

Finishing in spots eight through ten were, respectively, Disney's *Doug's First Movie* ($3.1 million), the Holocaust themed *Life is Beautiful* ($2.8 million) and the critically panned Claire Danes flick *The Mod Squad* ($2.4 million.)

Now showing at Parkway Cinema

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Cruel Intentions (R)
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Forces of Nature (PG-13)
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Sports

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Demons start week great but fizzle

Demons now in third-place tie with UTSA after weekend

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

To start the Easter Holiday, Northwestern State would overcome its ninth-inning problems to beat the McNeese State Cowboys 8-7.

McNeese picked up the lead in the eighth 7-5 on a two-run homer by designated hitter David Montiel.

Northwestern State began the late rally in the bottom of the eighth on a single by senior left-fielder Brent Trosclair. After Tyler Dunlap drew a walk, Chris Ashhorn relieved Jared Gothreaux on the mound for McNeese. Ashorn then loaded the bases with one out by walking senior shortstop Ryan Anholt.

Third baseman Tom Batson, playing on a sore ankle, hit a ground ball to force out Anholt but he reached first base on the throw, which brought Trosclair in from third and sliced the lead 7-6.

Designated hitter Steven Bell then fired off a single up the middle to bring Dunlap around and tie the game at seven apiece. Then, Northwestern State head coach John Cohen replaced Batson with Lee McCleon.

The move worked as Hoffpauir dropped a single into left field scoring McCleon and clinching the game 8-7.

Jason Slanina (4-1) picked up the win for NSU, while Ashorn (4-3) earned the loss.

David Balcer, normally a starter, picked up his first save of the year.

Cowboy first baseman Ben Broussard made all the difference in the second game according to Cohen as Northwestern State snapped a 21-home game-winning streak in a 4-1 loss.

Broussard's bomb, his 13th of the season, came on a 1-2 count, which soared over the right field wall and gave McNeese a 4-0 lead.

"The difference in the game was definitely Broussard's at bat," Cohen told. Stout was ahead in the count 1-2 then made two very, very good pitches that he took for balls. Broussard could have easily been walking back to the dugout after both of those pitches and we would still be playing in a 1-1 game."

For the third game, Balcer broke the career strikeout record with 208 pitches, as the Northwestern State Demons edged the McNeese State Cowboys 7-6 in extra innings.

After sitting Cowboy catcher Cory Posey down, Balcer surpassed Dennis Choate strikeout record set from 1972-75.

I am pretty excited about breaking the record, but I'm not excited about how I threw the ball today," Balcer remarked. "It seemed like they hit every pitch I threw. They have some very good hitters on their team.

Anholt hit a RBI double in the bottom of the 10th, scoring Buddy Proctor, giving the Demons the winning run.

"The count was in my favor and I was looking for a fastball," Anholt said. He threw a fastball, I hit it, and just hoped Buddy could have made it around from first."

Northwestern State remained behind 6-0 going into the bottom of the sixth and had only two hits from starter Butch Millet.

Anholt nailed a double to left center with one out to spark the Demon's rally. After Bell reached first base on a walk, Dunlap followed with a single to left center, bring Anholt around from second, and put NSU on the scoreboard 6-1.

With the help of consistent pitching from Adrian Luna (2-0), the Demons squeezed in one run in the eight and four in the ninth.

"Over the past couple of weeks, Luna has improved tremendously," Cohen added. "He is throwing an 89-90 mph slider and has earned his chance to pitch."

In the final five innings for NSU, the Demons acquired 11 of its 13 hits.

Personally, I felt we swung the bat well the entire game, despite having only two hits through the first five innings," Cohen continued. "We just kept attacking the ball and the hits started coming for us."

The Demons then traveled to Southwest Texas State in San Marcos and beat them the first day 10-8. But, Saturday would prove troublesome as Northwestern State took a seven point lead but fell 9-8 and 5-2 in the nightcap.

Northwestern State (24-12, 9-6 in the Southland Conference) falls into a third place tie with Texas-San Antonio, which visits Brown-Stroud Field this weekend.

News Bureau

Adam Stout (5-2) picked up his first two losses of the season against McNeese State and Southwest Texas State.

Zivanov leads Lady Demons to victories over Sam Houston

Sports Information

Marta Zivanov won the No. 1 singles match in straight sets, beating Luci Marikova 6-0 in the second set Friday to lead Northwestern State to an 8-1 victory over Sam Houston State in Southland Conference women's tennis.

The Lady Demons improved to 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the SLC. They play league leading Texas-Arlington, 8-0 in conference play, today at 10 a.m. at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

Sam Houston slipped to 3-14 overall and 1-7 in conference. The LadyKats got their win in a tight No. 2 singles match, where Robyn Bassett won a pair of tiebreakers for a 7-6, 7-6 decision over Northwestern's Brandi Mathews.

Zivanov won 6-3, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles and teamed with Brandee LaSuzzo for an 8-6 win in the No. 1 doubles over Marikova and Mag Solcova of Sam Houston.

LaSuzzo provided the most convincing win for Northwestern, prevailing 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 5 singles over Amy Bannert.

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Die-hard baseball fans came out Saturday despite moist weather comditions.

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McNeese sneaks past Lady Demon

Sports Information

McNeese State won a pair of three-singles matches Saturday on the way to outlasting Northwestern State 9-0 in Southland Conference women's tennis.

McNeese got a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 victory in the No. 1 singles from Keene over Marta Zivanov. Vicki Stone prevailed 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) over Brandee LaSuzzo in the No. 5 match. Gabbi Lundquist held off Br Mathews 7-5, 6-4 in the N singles, while Yvonne Br beat Merlin Prezens 6-4, 6- the No. 3 match.

Even the doubles w tightly contested, with McN winning the Nos. 1 an matches by 8-6 scores.

McNeese rose to 4-2 in SLC with the win w Northwestern dropped to overall and 2-4 in the confer heading into today's actio Lamar.

Sports

Gary Hardamon

The varsity men's four and the varsity women's eight prepare for a day of racing against Minnesota at the end of spring training.

Rowing team brings home two gold and two silver medals

Kris Collinsworth/Heath Crawford
Sports Editor/ Contributing Writer

The Northwestern State Rowing Crew walked away with four medals, two gold and two silver, at the Atlanta Rowing Festival Saturday.

The men's novice team four, composed of Celena Martin-coxswain, Heath Crawford-stroke, Hauke Seger, Frank Toro and Ted Magnier, took their heat and brought home a gold medal defeating Reinhardt and Augusta State.

"We had to finish first to get a medal," Crawford said. "It was the cleanest row that the four of us have had since being in a boat together. We wanted to get a good start and put some distance between the other boats and ourselves. We pulled hard and gradually increased the distance. It felt great winning the gold especially since this was my first competition."

The novice women's competition, which made up two boats, took home silver and gold medals. The A-team, made of Marion Cox-coxswain, Sarah Muth-stroke, Audrey Baugh, Virginia McNeil and Jessica Cramer, placed second, behind Augusta State but over Clemson and Georgia State.

The B-team, under the helm of Tammy Megow-coxswain, Jessica West-stroke, Latisha McDaniel, Devon Dodson and Melody Heiskell overcame sandbars and equipment failure to blow away the competition and win the gold. Murray St. and Savannah College, two NCAA schools, made up the contention for the novice women's 4-B race.

The women's varsity four B team, made up of Marion Yelverton-coxswain, Jessica West-stroke, Latisha McDaniel, Veticia Landum and Tammy Megow walked away with the silver, beating in-state rival Tulane.

The Northwestern Crew competed in the women's varsity eight for the first time in a spring regatta with the women posting the third fastest time.

"We really had a good showing," head coach Calvin Cupp said. "We showed a great improvement in our boat speed from spring training and after. It was very exciting to have a competitive varsity women's eight, which shows the depth of our program."

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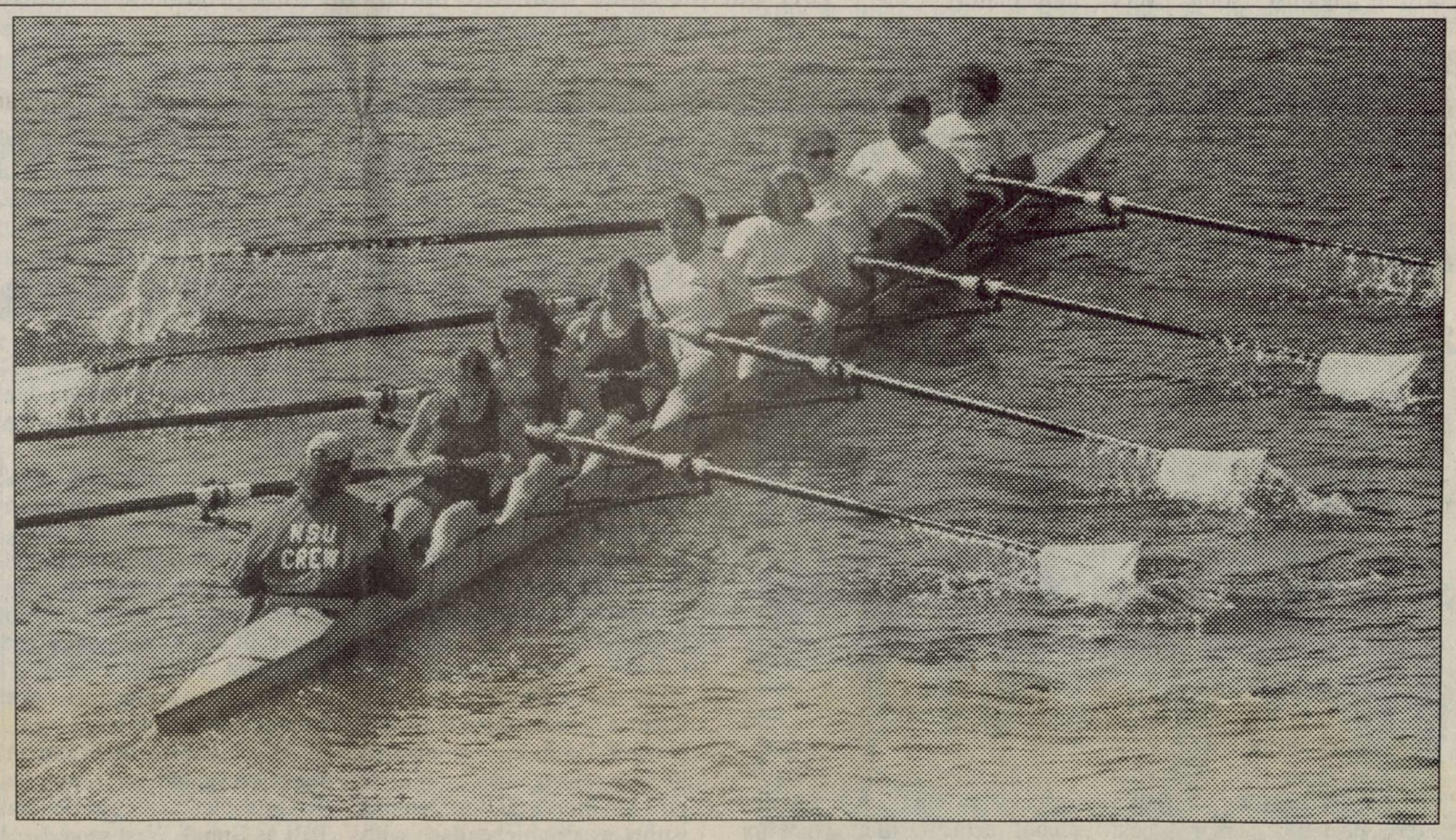

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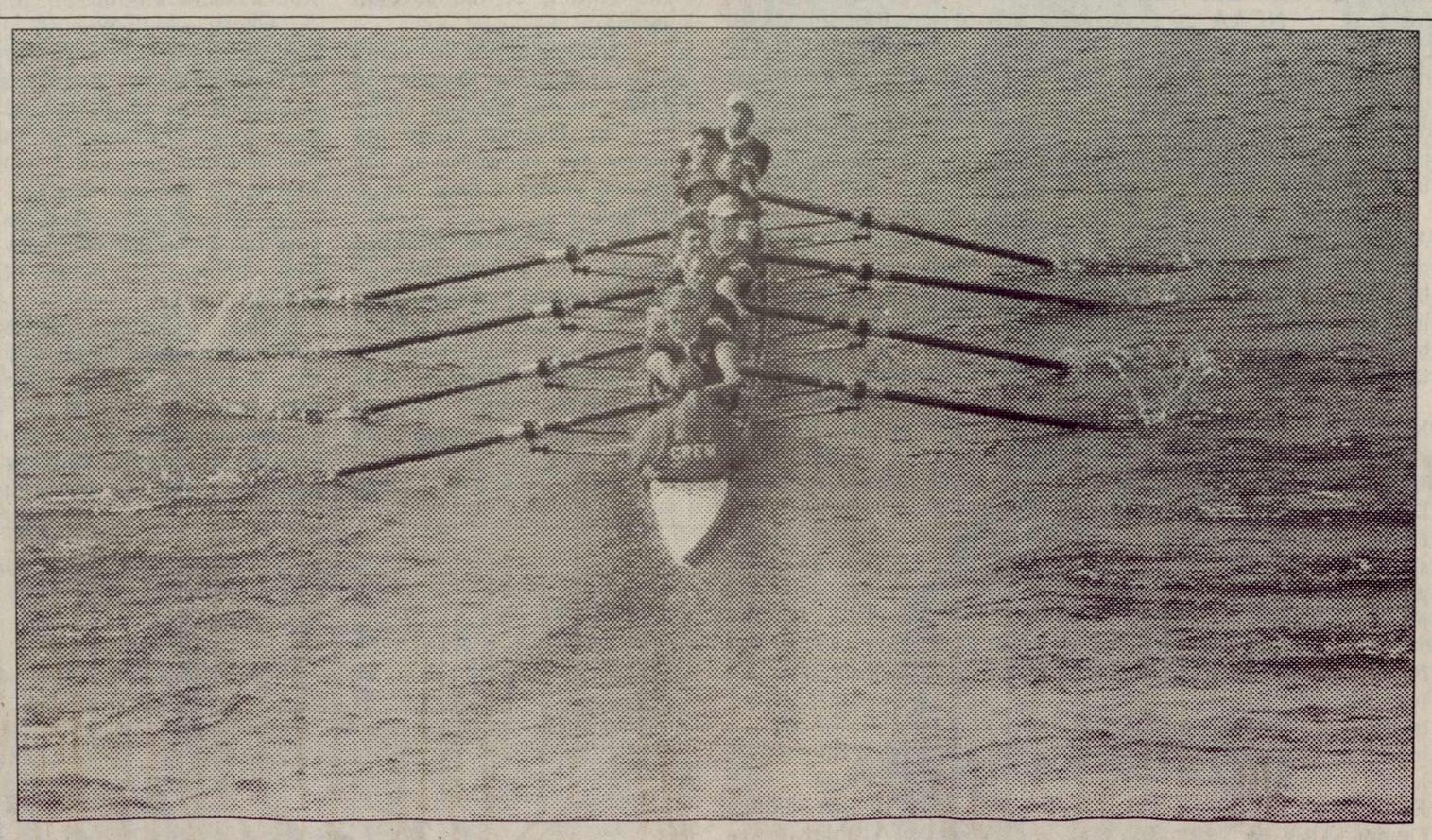
The women's varsity eight powers through to the finish in their race against Minnesota. The women's eight went on to the Atlanta rowing festival and came in with the third fastest time.



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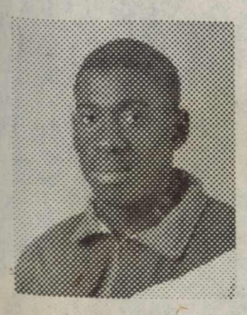
The varsity men's eight rowed well against Minnesoata but fell short in their heat at the Atlanta rowing festival on Saturday.

Male Athlete of the Week



Kenta Bell
Men's Track

The junior triple jumper posted a personal best and automatically qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Bell jumped 54 8-1/2 surpassing the automatic standard and placed third at the Texas Relays.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
Alabama
April 9@7 p.m.

Female Athlete of the Week

Brandy Kenney
Softball

The junior catcher hit a two run homer to help the Demons to a 4-0 run over the Nicholls State Lady Colonels. The team took first place after a sweeping by McNeese Sate over UTA. The Demons improve to 21-17 overall and 11-3 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Softball
La. Tech
April 6@1 p.m.

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Watkins brings five recruits to soccer

Sports Information

Five outstanding high school players, including Rachel Villio of New Orleans and Kathryn Latiolais from Lafayette, have signed to play collegiate soccer at Northwestern State.

Villio is a 5-4 midfielder from Mt. Carmel Academy in New Orleans and plays for the Lafreniere Sting club program. Latiolais, a 5-6 forward and midfielder, played at Acadiana High in Lafayette and is part of the Acadiana Starz club program.

Joining them in Coach Pete Watkins' recruiting class for Northwestern are Stephanie Brown, a 5-2 midfielder from Kilgore High (Texas) and the Longview Legend club team; Tori Carlino, a 5-5 midfielder and forward from Elkins High in Missouri City, Texas, and the Houston Demolition club team; and Danielle Cornwell, a 5-8 central midfielder and forward from Reynoldsburg High School (Ohio) and the Ohio Premier club program.

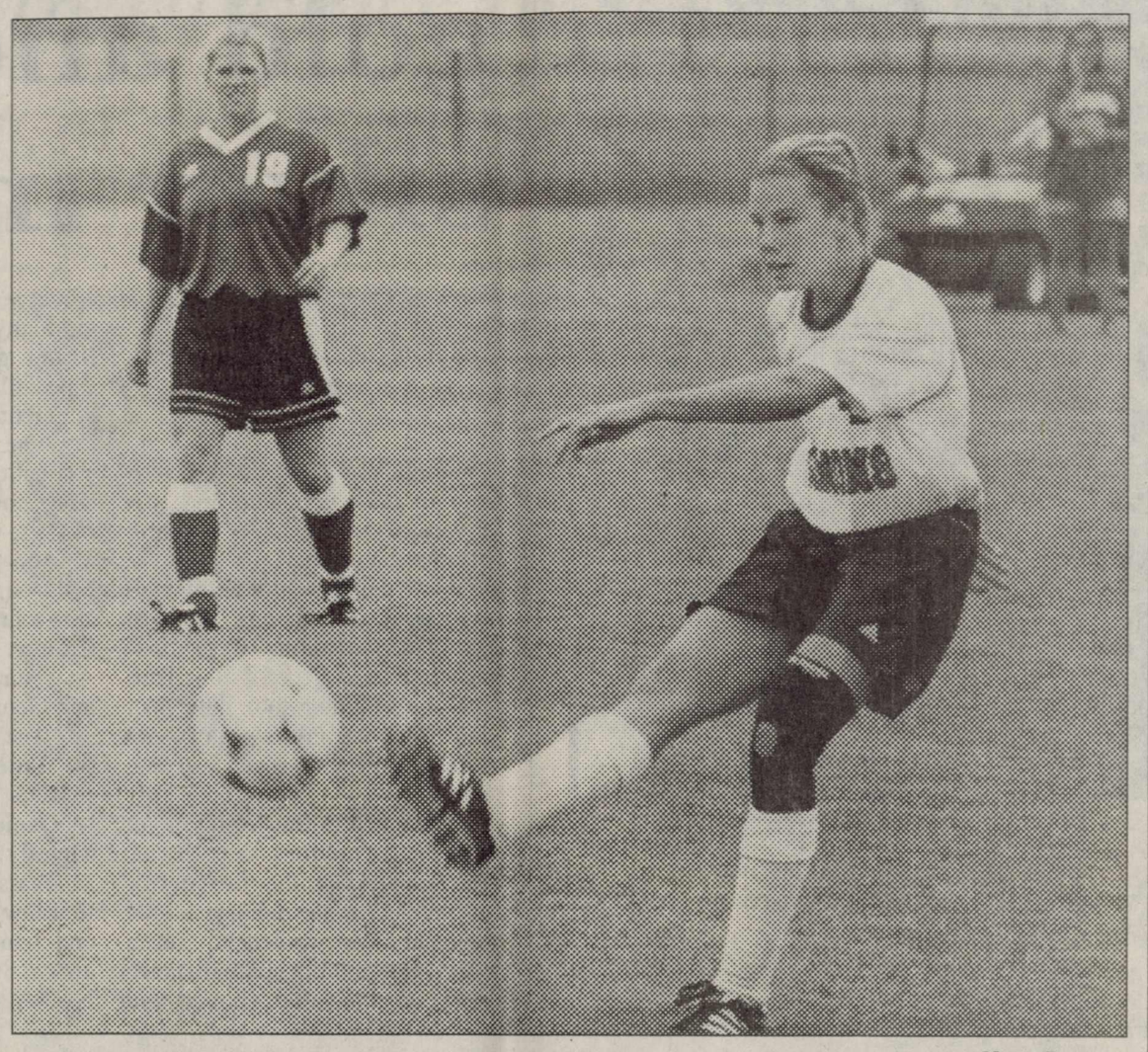
"This is a great start to our '99 season," said Watkins. "The Southland Conference as a whole has had a great recruiting year and every single program has improved, so it was important for us to keep up with that progress. With our schedule next fall we need the top talent available, and those athletes will be asked to perform against some very strong NCAA Division I programs. The Southland Conference champion will get a trip to the NCAA Tournament next year so we need to test against the best to get ready for that challenge."

Latiolais has very good speed and is a very physical player in the highly competitive Lafayette-area soccer district, said Watkins. She also had offers from Mobile and North Florida.

"Kathryn immediately improves our athleticism in our forward line. She is the type of player who earns the respect of her teammates through gritty and determined play. She continues a solid tradition for us in recruiting the Lafayette area and I think she will have an immediate impact for us," he said.

Villio is described by Watkins as a "great playmaker with good vision and soccer intelligence" who can play anywhere in the midfield for the Demons, and can challenge for a starting role immediately. She helped Mt. Carmel to the state semifinals last season. One of the top prospects in New Orleans, Villio was recruited by LSU, Middle Tennessee and Northeast Louisiana.

"Rachel is the type of player that can make her teammates look very good. She can act as the lynchpin between a defense and a forward line, and she will work very hard this summer to come into camp at her highest fitness level," said Watkins.



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Tori Carlino come from the same cub that produced Brittany Cargill, a first-team All-Southland Conference this year.

Brown, captain of her high school and club teams, is an outstanding student who provides "quiet leadership" and has outstanding speed and versatility, said Watkins. She was also recruited by Texas Tech, Stephen F. Austin and Southwest Texas.

"Steph is one of the hardest working players I have seen. She has a great attitude and work rate. She can contribute both in our attack and possibly in our defense right away next season. She will raise the standard of hard work and dedication for our team from day one this fall," he said.

Carlino, who plays for the same club team that produced Britiany Cargill, a first-team All-Southland Conference performer for the Demons, can contribute in several positions," said Watkins. She excels on free kicks and set pieces, said Watkins, who described her as "tremendous in the air, composed with the ball, and has a great overall skill level.

"Tori can play several different roles and has great athletic ability. Her power on free kicks gives us a lot of new options on set pieces. She comes from a great club program that produces some very skilled and knowledgeable players, and I think she is one of the top prospects in Houston this year," he said.

Carlino also considered Oklahoma, McNeese and Troy State.

Cornwell could be an SLC "Freshman of the Year" candidate for the Demons, said Watkins, who described her as a great scorer with outstanding finishing and playmaking ability. Cornwell, the Most Valuable Player at last summer's Indiana University soccer camp, "will take a lot of the defensive pressure off Amy Fulkerson and Britiany Cargill next season," said Watkins.

"Danielle can change a game in a matter of seconds. She is a dangerous goal scorer and can find teammates when defenses key in on her. We are looking forward to having a player of her caliber in our attack next year," he said.

Her final choices included Indiana, Tampa, and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

All-American Bell automatically head to NCAA Championships, school record falls

Sports Information

Northwestern State All-American Kenta Bell, who won the Texas Relays long jump title Friday, posted a personal best and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships Saturday in the triple jump at the 72nd annual meet hosted by the University of Texas.

Bell soared 54-8 1/2 to surpass the automatic standard for NCAA qualification and finished third in the most explosive collegiate triple jump competition in meet history.

Melvin Lister of Arkansas won in a meet record 55-10 1/4, followed by LSU's Levar Anderson just one inch back, with both jumpers surpassing the meet record.

Northwestern sophomore Tyson Dillard finished sixth with a personal record 52-2 3/4, an NCAA provisional qualifying mark by a half-foot. Former Demon All-American LaMark Carter, the USA's top-ranked triple jumper, did not compete, instead running on the Nike celebrity 4x100 meter relay team.

The Lady Demon 4x100 meter relay team shattered the school record in their event for the third straight time, lowering it by nearly half a second in Saturday's finals.

Skylar Tennessee, Camille Pouncy, her twin Kim, and Dasha Thompson ran 45.29 for ninth place among some of the top squads in collegiate track. Texas won in a stadium record 42.90, followed by LSU (43.40) and Baylor (43.94), with Southern (44.58) in fifth, TCU sixth and Rice eighth.

Northwestern was the only Southland Conference team to qualify for the women's 4x100 final. The Lady Demons clocked a 45.70 in the prelims Friday a week after running 45.84 to win at the Ty Terrell Relays.

The Lady Demons are within range of the 45.10 NCAA provisional standard in that event.

Also Saturday, Demon high jumper Felipe Apablaza was fifth in his specialty, clearing 6-10 3/4.

Softball takes lead after UTA losses

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

Who's on first? That's not the question today. The question is, "Who's in first?"

The Demons officially took the lead in the Southland Conference when McNeese swept UTA.

The sweep put the Demons up half a game. The Demon sweep of Nicholls last weekend put the Demons in front by two games.

On March 27, the Demons split a doubleheader with UTA.

In the first game, Northwestern pulled off a crazy 2-1 win when pinch-hitter Jamie Fraiser delivered a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Cindy Leggett laid claim to another win as she allowed UTA only one run.

The Demons could not repeat the fireworks in the second game as they lost to UTA 2-1.

Amber Welker recorded the loss although she allowed only four hits in the game.

On Sunday, the Demons lost again in a one run game as the final score came out 3-2.

The loss went to Leggett as she allowed three hits during the game.

The midweek game against LSU was canceled due to excessive moisture on the field.

The break obviously was good for the Demons, because they came back the following weekend and beat Nicholls three times to sweep them in conference play and jump ahead of UTA two games for first place.

In the first game, the Demons pulled off a 4-3 win.

The first two runs came in the first game as Shannon Straty tripled and recorded an RBI as Brandi West scored.

The other two runs came in the bottom of the seventh inning after falling behind by one to Nicholls. Welker made the win possible with a single and Northwestern benefited from a Nicholls' error.

Cheri McCoy (4-3) recorded the win, but Welker (6-5) picked up her first win.

Game two presented an even bigger Demon win as Northwestern took a 6-3 win to wrap up the doubleheader.

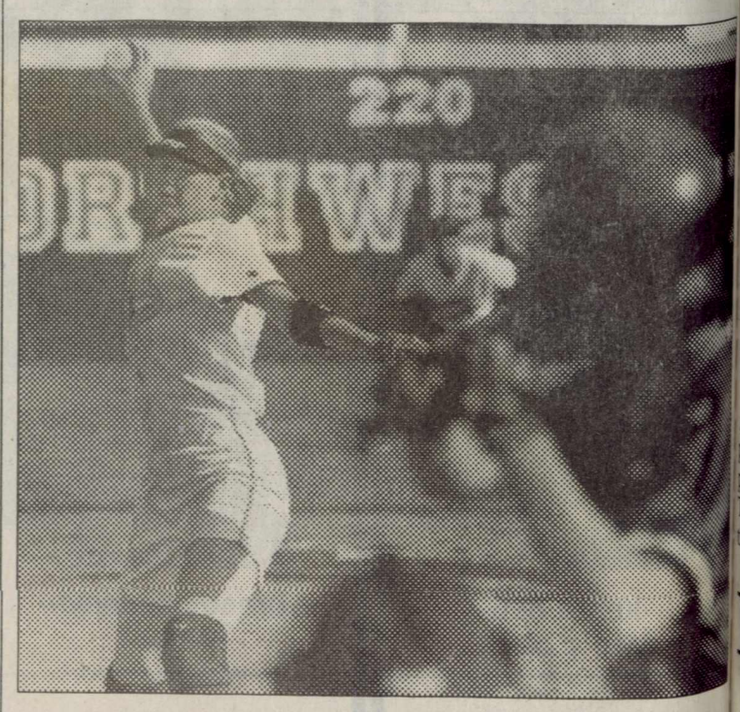
Northwestern scored its first run on a slapped happy Straty homer in the bottom of the third.

The scoring drive continued into the fourth with the Demons scoring three more runs.

Christina Edgar and Jana Strickland put the finishing touches on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth, as Edgar nailed a left field single and Strickland went yard for 2 RBI.

Leggett came back the following day to shut out Nicholls in a 4-0 Northwestern win.

The Demons (21-17, 11-3) will be in action again against LA Tech in Ruston on April 6. They will then travel to Southeastern and Sam Houston for more conference games and return home on April 17 to take on SFA in conference play.



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Pitcher/Outfielder Amber Welker (6-5)picked up her first save and win this weekend against Nicholls State.

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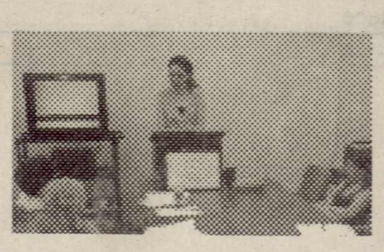

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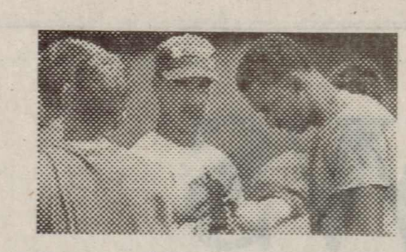

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New sidewalk in need of repair

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

Students have been questioning the effectiveness of several new sidewalks recently constructed in front of St. Denis Hall.

These sidewalks, which were built as part of a comprehensive project to make the campus more accessible to students with disabilities, does not coincide fully with the American Disability Act.

The worst spot is a small bridge over a drainage area. Students with walking disabilities have had trouble using the new sidewalk because of a three-inch drop on either side of the bridge.

Loran Lindsay, director of the Physical Plant, said they were aware of the situation. The drainage bridge that was built incorrectly was the result of a miscommunication with the contractor.

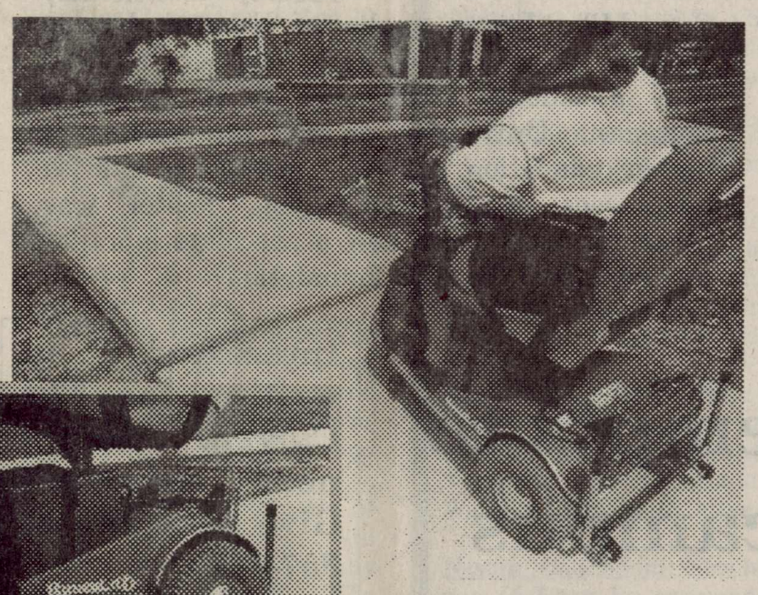
Physical Plant employees had intended for the bridge to look like others on campus near Sabine Hall. The angle of the bridge was supposed to be easier. However, the foreman on the job misunderstood, and built it incorrectly.

"We are going to take it off and put a tread plate over it," W.K. Norman, an employee at the Physical Plant, said.

After the tread plate is put in place, the sidewalk will be completely flat all the way across, which should allow everyone access.

Both Lindsay and Norman hope to have the sidewalk fixed as soon as possible. Lindsay said he hopes it will be fixed when the contractor returns to work on another sidewalk that will be built to go into the back steps of St. Denis Hall.

Until that time, students who cannot use the sidewalk have to go up to the front of Dodd Hall and come down in front of the Student Union.



Photos by Steve Evans

Sauce reporter Heather Patton attempts to cross a newly constructed sidewalk next to St. Denis Hall. Patton said although she was able to cross the sidewalk in her scooter, someone in a regular wheelchair would not be able to cross the sidewalk without assistance. Officials with the Physical Plant said the sidewalk should be repaired shortly.

Freshmen Connection may see a few changes this year

Melissa A. Robertson
Staff Reporter

Incoming freshmen may see new additions to Freshmen Connection this summer, according to New Student Programs director Reatha Cox.

Although the plans are not positive, Cox said this summer's Freshmen Connection will have several changes.

She remarked the changes are not because of problems with previous programs, but because changes need to be made on a regular basis to keep the program enjoyable to the students.

One of the main proposed changes in the program is to move the "Organization Expo" back to its original time, which coincides with the Freshmen Connection dance. Cox believes this will be an incentive to freshmen, who usually would not attend the dance, to participate.

She also believes having the expo at night will get more college students involved with the program and will make the expo more of a social event.

"Students aren't comfortable enough to meet organizations and faculty first thing in the morning," Cox commented. "We tried to get as many opinions and ideas from the organizations as to how we could best publicize their organizations."

Another goal of Cox is to start teaching more about college life and what to expect when freshmen come to the University. She plans to utilize the free time the connectors have during the scheduling times to divide the freshmen into smaller groups.

"This would be a great time for the connectors to tell what life is like as a college student," Cox continued. "Freshmen could ask any questions they had concerning college life, and the connectors could cover common problem topics like lifestyles and time management."

Cox also hopes to involve more University faculty in the program through a faculty-mentor program. She feels this would aid the freshmen and faculty in the advisement process.

Cox's major objective in this year's Freshmen Connection is to promote school spirit through a variety of activities such as the annual Fall Follies and a mock pep rally.

"It is really important that we begin teaching the freshmen NSU traditions at the beginning so they will be encouraged to stay involved throughout college," Cox said.

The sessions will be held June 3-4; June 17-18; June 24-25 and July 8-9.

Bell: Schedule based on surveys

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty who longed for a full week break at Thanksgiving have been granted their wish. Still, some students and faculty members question what caused the fall 1999 calendar change.

According to Lillie Bell, registrar, the Calendar Committee's decision to cancel Fall Break and resume back to a full week break at Thanksgiving was based on recommendations from the results of two surveys conducted by the Faculty Senate and SGA.

The SGA survey revealed that a large majority of the student body preferred a full week break at Thanksgiving.

Of the 464 students surveyed, 56.3 percent wanted a full week break at Thanksgiving and no Fall Break; 23.1 percent preferred a full week break at Thanksgiving and a Fall Break.

The conclusion of the survey revealed that almost 80 percent of the student body preferred a full week break at Thanksgiving, whether or not they also preferred a two-day Fall Break.

Of the 239 Faculty Senate respondents, 47.5 percent expressed preference for a full week break at Thanksgiving and a two-day Fall Break; 40.2 percent expressed preference for a full week break at Thanksgiving and no break in the fall.

According to Bell, the data most dramatically revealed by the Faculty Senate survey was that 88 percent of the respondents want a full week break at Thanksgiving, whether or not they want a two-day break in October.

The Calendar Committee proposed to keep the Fall Break and a full week break at Thanksgiving, but that created another problem. The change would result in final examinations being given on Saturday, and recommendations from SGA indicated no Saturday examinations except for Saturday classes.

"Keeping Fall Break would have effected final exams by including an exam on commencement Saturday," Bell said.

According to information in the Faculty and SGA surveys, if the fall 1999 calendar included both the two-day Fall Break and full week break at Thanksgiving it would be necessary for the Calendar Committee to add two-days either at the end or the beginning of the academic year.

Because the Calendar Committee has voted against giving University students and faculty a Fall Break but has decided to restore a full week break at Thanksgiving, no days need to be added to the 1999-2000 academic year.

In the fall 1999 calendar, the date that classes begin was moved back two-days (Aug. 23-25) and the date that classes end was moved five days back (Dec. 3-8) because additional administrative turn around time was needed at the beginning of the semester more than at the end of the semester.

"We're going back to the traditional calendar and in the traditional calendar there is no Fall Break," Bell said.

Aside from the faculty and SGA surveys, the fall 1999 calendar is governed by the Rules of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities State of Louisiana.

According to the Board of Trustees, the minimum requirements for class meeting times are: three-hour classes must meet 2,250 minutes, two-hour classes must meet 1,500 minutes and one-hour classes must meet 750 minutes.

Final examinations scheduled time minimum requirements are: 150 minutes for three-hour courses, 100 minutes for two-hour courses and 50 minutes for one-hour courses.

According to Bell, the issue of a Fall Break is not dead at NSU, but it must be in compliance with the rules of the Board of Trustees. No immediate plans have been proposed for a Fall Break.

"We are open to recommendations, but in making those recommendations we need to consider that we are in compliance with the Board of Trustees' rules and regulations," Bell said.

The restored full week break at Thanksgiving is included in the completed fall 1999 calendar.

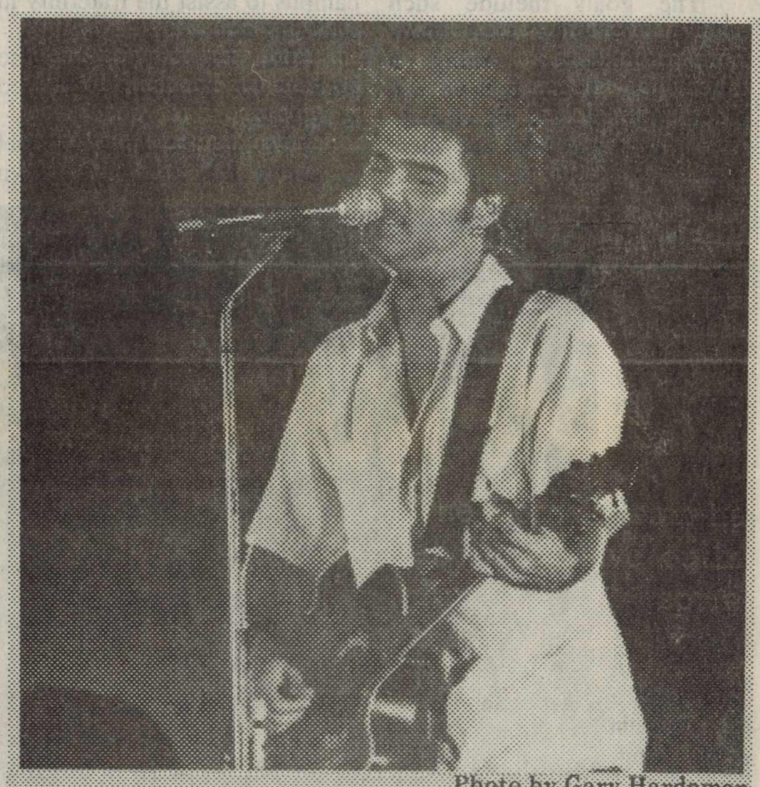


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Spank the Monkey's lead singer entertained a whopping crowd of 850 screaming Demons and high school students during Thursday's SAB concert.

DOTD discusses bridge

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

A proposal to renovate and expand the currently existing Church Street Bridge advanced one more step to becoming reality.

"It hasn't been killed. It won't likely be killed," Tony Ducote, Bridge Engineer Administrator for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), said concerning the bridge proposal.

The DOTD held a public forum in Natchitoches last month to discuss the possibility of the bridge construction.

Ducote pointed out that although a majority of the opinions voiced at the forum were negative, many expressed positive support for the proposal privately after the forum.

"We want to hear all of the concerns," Ducote said, but stressed, "This isn't a popularity thing."

The DOTD tapped into public opinion during its initial phase in the project.

Ducote identified misconceptions and misunderstandings as one problem that the proposal is going through.

The proposal now must undergo examination by the environmental section of the DOTD as an Environmental Assessment Study is conducted.

The study investigates the numerous effects that the proposed construction may have on the community including the effects on the cultural resources, wildlife, noise pollutions, and the landscape. All of which is done in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

If the federal government issues a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact), the proposal will then proceed to the design phase.

The DOTD indicated that the Church St. Bridge received a 2.0 on a sufficiency rating scale of 100. The federal government recommends repairing any bridge given a 50 or below.

The proposal has been one year in the works and is projected to complete the environmental stage in December of this year.

A similar proposal recently passed all phases preceding construction to repair the Keyser Ave. Bridge.

Exit interviews held for graduating seniors with student loans

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

With graduation just around the corner, graduating seniors are preparing to get ahead with a new life and career. But for graduating seniors who borrowed student loans there is one more interview they should attend before graduating.

The Exit Interview is an informational session needed if the student borrowed student loans.

The interview is designed to help students organize and gather their student loan materials and plan for repayment. It also contains telephone numbers and other information regarding the students' grace period, rights and responsibilities as a borrower and tips to manage debt.

"The Exit Interview is similar to the Entrance Interview with more emphasis on the students' responsibilities as a student loan borrower and repayment options," Heidi Babcock, Office of Student Financial Aid Loan Officer, said.

At the interview, students will be asked to fill out a Loan Survivor Worksheet. Once students complete this form, the Office of Student Financial Aid keeps a copy and one copy is sent to the students' guarantor for the guarantors' and the students' protection.

"The main goal of the Exit Interview is to give students information so that they will not go into default," Babcock said. "The lower our default rate, the more programs we can offer."

The Exit Interview will be held April 13-15 in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Babcock asks that all interested graduating seniors bring the names and addresses of two references to the interview.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 357-5961.

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McCrery speaks to College Republicans

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

United States Representative Jim McCrery spoke at a special NSU College Republican meeting last Thursday morning.

The College Republicans had the opportunity to find out the latest issues facing not only Congress, but also the Republican party.

After a surprise visit by President Webb, McCrery informed the members on the issues Congress had been discussing.

He spoke on preserving social security, the budget, future tax cuts and repairing Medicare. He also took time out to commend President Clinton on his ideas for preserving social security. He reminded the College Republicans of the importance of republicans keeping the majority vote in Congress. He also pointed out the growing number of independent voters and the importance of reaching their vote.

After his presentation on such issues, McCrery responded to a few questions from the audience, such as his stance on Kosovo, the military, and the 2000 presidential campaign.

"I think it's important for young people to be well informed and to take an active role in government," McCrery said.

"Congressman McCrery's Republican politics are superlative and absolutely wonderful for the state, but even more than that, he's a great politician," Charlie Penrod, chairman of College Republicans, said. "It was a very successful visit, and I think everyone gained a lot of knowledge."

Photo by Shawn Hornsby

Gov. Mike Foster spoke to Hammond area chamber of commerces and university student body presidents Wednesday at Southeastern Louisiana University on the importance of higher education and the impact it has on businesses. As a thank you, Foster was presented with a Sal Lee, a chocolate labrador retriever from the SLU Foundation.

Roustabouts

NSU's improv comedy troupe performs weekly in Studio A of Kyser Hall from 5-5:30 p.m. Seating begins at 4:45 p.m.

Come see the University's premiere comedy group perform original skits. Performances are open to the public and are free of charge.

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Blood Drive to be held at University

LifeShare Blood Centers will hold a blood drive at the University Tuesday through Thursday.

The LifeShare bus will be at the Student Union from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. until Wednesday. On Thursday, the bus will be located at Prather Coliseum from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. as part of the University's HealthFest '99.

Anyone eligible to donate blood can participate in the blood drive.

Business writing seminar offered

A seminar on business and professional writing will be offered through the University's Office of Continuing Education on April 24 and May 1.

Class time will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days in room 313 of Kyser Hall. The course will be taught by Assistant Professor of English Dr. Joseph Colavito. The fee for the class is $140.

The workshop is designed for anyone who needs to communicate clearly in writing. Through discussion, examples and practice, participants will immediately learn useful techniques to help them plan and write clear, concise letters, memos, reports, etc.

For more information or to sign up, call 357-5682 or 1-800-376-2422.

Room dedicated to NSU professor

A room in Williamson Hall has been dedicated in memory of former faculty member Al Villavaso.

Villavaso, who died in 1996, was an associate professor of industrial technology at the university for seven years and also served as coordinator of industrial technology. He was recognized with Northwestern's Outstanding Teaching Award in 1995.

The Al Villavaso Memorial Fund was established through the NSU Foundation to provide furnishings and photographs for the room. The fund was set up with money raised by a barber shop group known as the Barber Vocals, of which Villavaso was a member.

The money accumulated is to assist in the furnishing of the room. Villavaso's striped vest, hat and a photograph will be placed in the room.

Donations can be made to the Al Villavaso Memorial Fund, NSU Foundation, NSU, Natchitoches, La., 71497.

New fraternity attempts to make its mark on campus

Pi Kappa Phi hoping to be chartered on campus

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Pi Kappa Phi may soon be the newest fraternity to join NSU's Greek community. All week representatives and consultants will be stationed outside the post office to promote the fraternity and recruit new members.

The fraternity is on its way to be the newest Greek organization to be chartered at Northwestern. For the fraternity to be chartered they must achieve a list of goals set by the fraternity.

The goals include such aspects including size (how many members), setting a constitution, getting bylaws, and setting a G.P.A. for the chapter. The process can take anywhere from seven months to a couple of years.

"These guys are by far very far ahead of the game," Larry Keller, Pi Kappa Phi Leadership and Expansion consultant, said.

"These guys have done an incredible job on their own, taking care a lot of those things before we even came down as a national organization."

The fraternity has about 15 founding members and are continuing to recruit many more. Since last week about 10 others have agreed to be members if the fraternity accepts them.

"The recruitment's been great," Wesley Long Breeden, president of the Pi Kappa Phi colony. "Everybody has been real social on the campus. They have just been coming to the table and looking things over. This is for the betterment of the campus, and it's just been going great."

Pi Kappa Phi is looking for members that will represent the fraternity well and be gentlemen. There are five characteristics the fraternity is particularly interested in. The fraternity would like men who possess character.

"We want guys who have integrity and respect not only for themselves, but for the people around them, and basically generally good guys," Keller said.

The fraternity is looking for members who are leaders.

"We want guys who are out there breaking down stereotypes about Greeks and bringing a positive image to Greeks," Keller said.

They are looking for members who are athletes along with members who are interested in scholarship.

Pi Kappa Phi will have a paid academic advisor on campus to assist the fraternity in studying and classes.

The fraternity is also looking for members interested in service.

"We are the only national fraternity that started its own national philanthropy called Push America," Keller commented.

"It helps those with disabilities. We have got tons of programs and projects that go with that. We are lucky enough to have the largest fraternity fund-raiser in the country, called the Journey of Hope which is a 62 day bike ride from San Francisco to Washington D.C., that last year raised a little over $350,000."

This dedication to community service is what Pi Kappa Phi hopes to bring to this university.

"We are going to work with the community and the campus to try to better serve the community," Breeden said. "Right now, we are really involved with helping disabled kids. There are several fund-raisers we have already done. We are going to work with mentally ill senior citizens next week and we are going to a Shriner's hospital probably by the end of this month and we just want to bring the community closer to our university."

The members of Pi Kappa Phi all started as friends and decided to create a fraternity.

"It started as a joke and we said 'Hey we'll start our own fraternity' and it snowballed into something bigger." Breeden said.

The men then started to contact national fraternities and see which fraternity was interested in starting a chapter at Northwestern.

This is not the first time the university had a Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on campus. In 1956 a fraternity called Phi Kappa Nu merged with another fraternity to create Pi Kappa Phi.

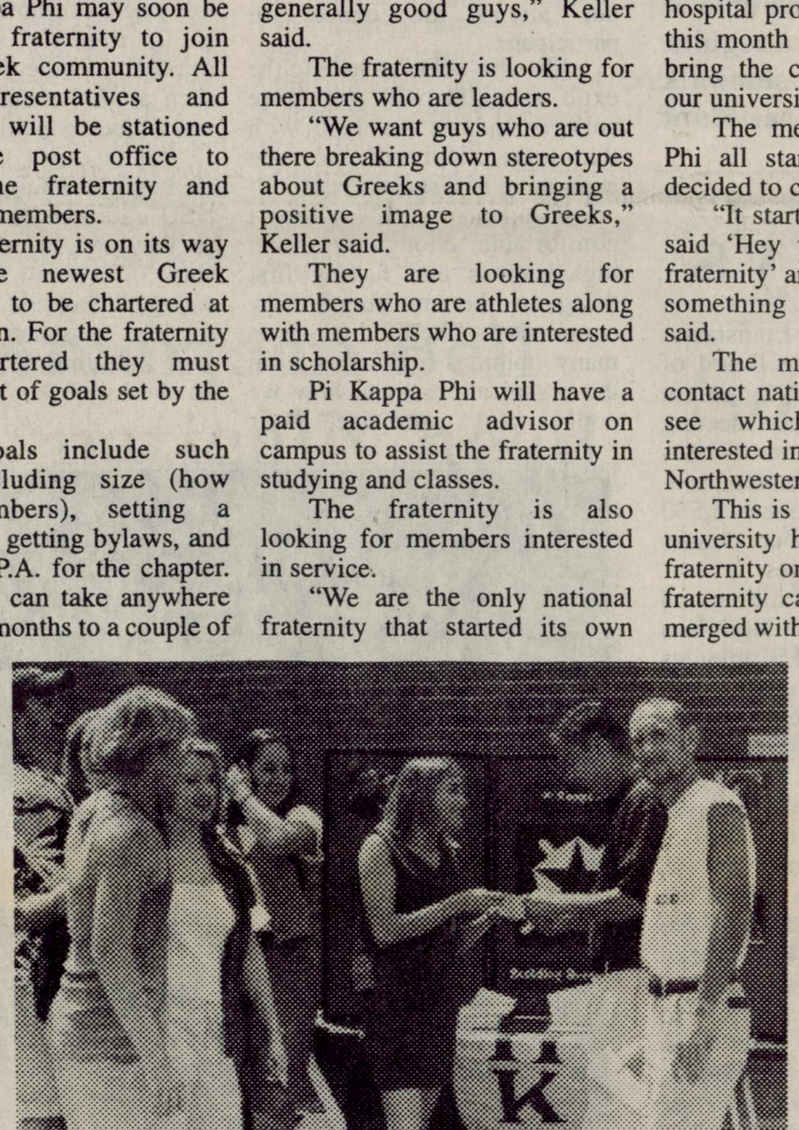
The fraternity stayed around for about 25 years until they had trouble with recruitment and the chapter folded. There are still several alumni in the area who are helping the fraternity become chartered again, including city council member, George Ethridge.

Not only are alumni helping the chapter become chartered once again, but several faculty members are helping the fraternity. One possible advisor will be Dr. Scott Roach, professor of business.

"I have looked at other fraternities before and I didn't want anything to do with them," Heath Crawford, senior journalism major, said. " At the Pi Kappa Phi's informational meeting I saw what they had to stand for and the things they do. I felt like the organization would be something I would be proud to be a part of."

"So far the Greek community has been real supportive and real excited." Breeden said. "Basically we just hope to better the Greek program on campus."

Pi Kappa Phi has 138 chapters nationwide and one other chapter in the state at LSU.



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Members of Pi Kappa Phi talk to students about the newest fraternity trying to be chartered at the University. A booth will be set up this week in front of the Post Office with additional information.

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 1999-2000 school year (including 1999 summer session):

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, Argus (student literary magazine)
General Manager, KNWD (student radio station)

They can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 108 Kyser Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the same office by 4:30 p.m. April 17.

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Healthfest to be held Thursday

The University's Department of Health and Human Performance and Natchitoches Parish Hospital will sponsor Healthfest '99.

The biggest health promotion event in the Natchitoches area will be held from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday in Prather Coliseum.

Healthfest '99 Coordinator Pam Gounder said more than 70 exhibits will be set up and more than 1,000 people are expected to participate in the event, which is free and open to anyone age 18 and older.

Screenings for body fat composition, bone density and blood pressure will be conducted, as will vision and pulmonary testings.

Several new tests will also be available, such as dental screenings and a complete blood series which includes cholesterol, hemoglobin and glucose testing.

Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals will provide information on sexually transmitted diseases. The Philadelphia Center will provide HIV testing.

Gouner said the purpose of Healthfest is to allow people to look at several factors that affect their health and learn about health care resources.

Participants can also learn the risk factors for several types of cancer. Information on cooking low-fat will be available through a demonstration by Aramark and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Many health-related agencies will be on hand to provide information on programs and services available through their agencies.

Gouner said information on stress relief and depression will be available, as will information on alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

The Louisiana Blood Center will hold a blood drive in conjunction with the Healthfest.

A run/ walk will be held Saturday. The event begins at 8:30 a.m., but late registration will be held at 7:30 a.m. Registration for NSU students, faculty and staff is $8. Included in the registration cost is a Healthfest '99 t-shirt. Late registration is $12.

For more information on the Healthfest or the run/ walk, call the Department of Health and Human Performance at 357-5126.

Photo courtesy of Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu Fraternity recently sponsored the program, "Kaps for Kids," which benefited patients at Louisiana Training Institute for Mentally Handicapped in Alexandria. Members from Phi Mu Fraternity and two hockey players and the mascot from the Alexandria Warthogs helped Sigma Nu distribute over 30 Warthog baseball caps to the patients. The Warthog players also provided autographed picture cards to everyone. With Phi Mu's help, the event was extremely successful and rewarding. The brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity would like to thank both Phi Mu and the Alexandria Warthogs for their support.

Campus Connections

Scholarship Office: Funding for TOPS will be delayed until further notice because of programming upgrades at the main LOSFA office. The estimated date of funding is the end of April. For more information, call the Scholarship Office at 357-4357.

IEEE: Members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering are selling raffle tickets for a CD car sound system from Top Dog Audio. Tickets are $1 a piece and can be purchased from IEEE members or Tom Hall, IEEE advisor, in room 218 of Williamson Hall. Top Dog Audio is located next to Heilig Myers on La. Hwy. 1 South. The drawing will be held the last day of finals, May 8. Need not be present to win.

Phi Beta Lambda: Members of Phi Beta Lambda have joined efforts with the March of Dimes to raise money at the 1999 Natchitoches WalkAmerica on April 24. Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised goes directly into research, education and programs in your own community and all across the country to help build a brighter future. To find out more information on how an organization can participate in this year's walk, have a representative contact Dr. Walter Creighton at 357-5704 or any Phi Beta Lambda member.

Recreation Complex: The Recreation Complex will open Thursday. Hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays- Fridays; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Financial Aid: A student workshop will be held April 21 in the President's Room of the Student Union at 6 p.m. The workshop will be beneficial in the application process for financial aid and provide information concerning Satisfactory Academic Progress. Door prizes will be given away. Students seeking assistance in completing the free application for Federal Student Aid will need to bring copies of the 1998 Federal Tax Return (1040) and W-2 forms for themselves and parents.

Sigma Sigma Sigma: Hope all you Sigma's are having a BEARRY GOOD WEEK! All Sigma's please be sure to attend as many softball games as possible. The play-offs are this week so go out and support your Sigma sisters. Happy birthday to all April birthdays! Sisterhood: put on your workout clothes and head to the gym -- it's aerobics time! Don't forget about the balloon sale at Wal-Mart on April 18. Have a great week!

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Argus: The deadline for the spring art and literary contest is April 19 by 3 p.m. Students can submit entries in poetry, fiction, non-fiction and art. Submissions should be turned in at the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Boozman Hall. Winning submissions receive $100, $75 and $50 for first, second and third place respectively.

Sigma Tau Delta: The Northwestern State University Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta will meet April 21, 1999. All members are urged to attend since this meeting will include their induction into the organization. Members should come dressed in business like attire. The meeting time and place will be announced. Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to Gail Henderson in the English Department or Lesa Thompson in Journalism.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

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News

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Numinous offers students religious alternatives

Sandy Baber
Contributing Writer

Many people have heard of Numinous, but who really knows what it is?

Numinous: A Society for Nature-Based Spirituality is a spiritual group started by University students earlier this semester.

The group branched off from the Pagan Student Network, an unofficial e-mail organization that was started last semester by Tony Palazzo.

The organization is comprised of students who actively practice, support or are interested in Paganism or other nature-based religions such as Wicca, eclectic Paganism, shamanism, traditional witchcraft, Native American spirituality and indigenous religions.

Anyone who practices similar religions or is interested in learning about them is encouraged to join the organization.

Marcie Kimball and Kelly Day are the respective president and vice president of the organization, which is currently comprised of 25 students.

They are working to write a constitution so the organization can receive a charter and become an official club at the University. They chose the mystical word Numinous as the title for their organization because it represents the presence of a divinity.

Although many Christians believe these religions are not legitimate or they are based on Satan, this is not true. Many of the students in the organization were raised in Christian homes and as practicing Christians.

"...I didn't feel like I needed Christian myths or celebrations."

Crystal Carver
Scholars' College

Crystal Carver, a member of Numinous, was raised in the Catholic Church. However, when Carver began to study the Bible in the Scholars' College, she said she found too many inaccuracies between what the Bible says and what the church taught her.

"I'm not a Christian historian, so I'm not going to spend my life trying to reconcile the inaccuracies I see in order to get my faith back because Christian faith does not fulfill me," Carver said. "Once I realized that I can feel as much or more through celebration of the Goddess, I didn't feel like I needed Christian myths or celebrations."

Carver said she has always had nature-based spiritual beliefs, so she was elated when she learned that other people shared the same beliefs.

Those interested in joining can send an e-mail to marshdragon@hotmail.com.

Photo by Virginia Dixon
Members of the NSU Jazz Ensemble (from left) Ken Miller, Patrick Bordelon, Louis Sanchez, Chris McHenry and Matt Casstevens, entertain students during a brown bag lunch held last week as part of SAB's Spring Fling activities.

Voter apathy typical of college campuses

Jennifer Stephens
Staff Reporter

The low turnout of the recent SAB and SGA elections has left some people wondering why students are reluctant to get involved in campus activities.

Student apathy on campus is evident in the low attendance at athletic events and the lack of participation in various student organizations.

"I think that students do care about what is going on, but they don't want to give up the time necessary to do the job," Carl Henry, director of student affairs, said.

"Northwestern is not the only school that has student apathy," Henry continued. "You will find that at any school."

Some students feel that people are reluctant to get involved because they have no prior experience in other student organizations.

"I think that people may be intimidated by the responsibility and time it takes to be in those organizations," sophomore Melissa Blakely said.

"It's possible that students don't get involved because they aren't accustomed to it," sophomore Demetrius Allen said. "I think if someone was more involved in a lower level of education, then it may be more comfortable for them in a higher education setting. Sometimes we all need a little motivation and reassurance."

The NSU Speech Forum is close at hand!

The final round is scheduled for Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. It will be held in Studio A of Kyser Hall and broadcast live-to-tape on NSU's Channel 22. Subsequent viewings will be aired on channel 22 for five consecutive days, three times daily. Check your local listings for specific broadcast times. Hope to see you there!

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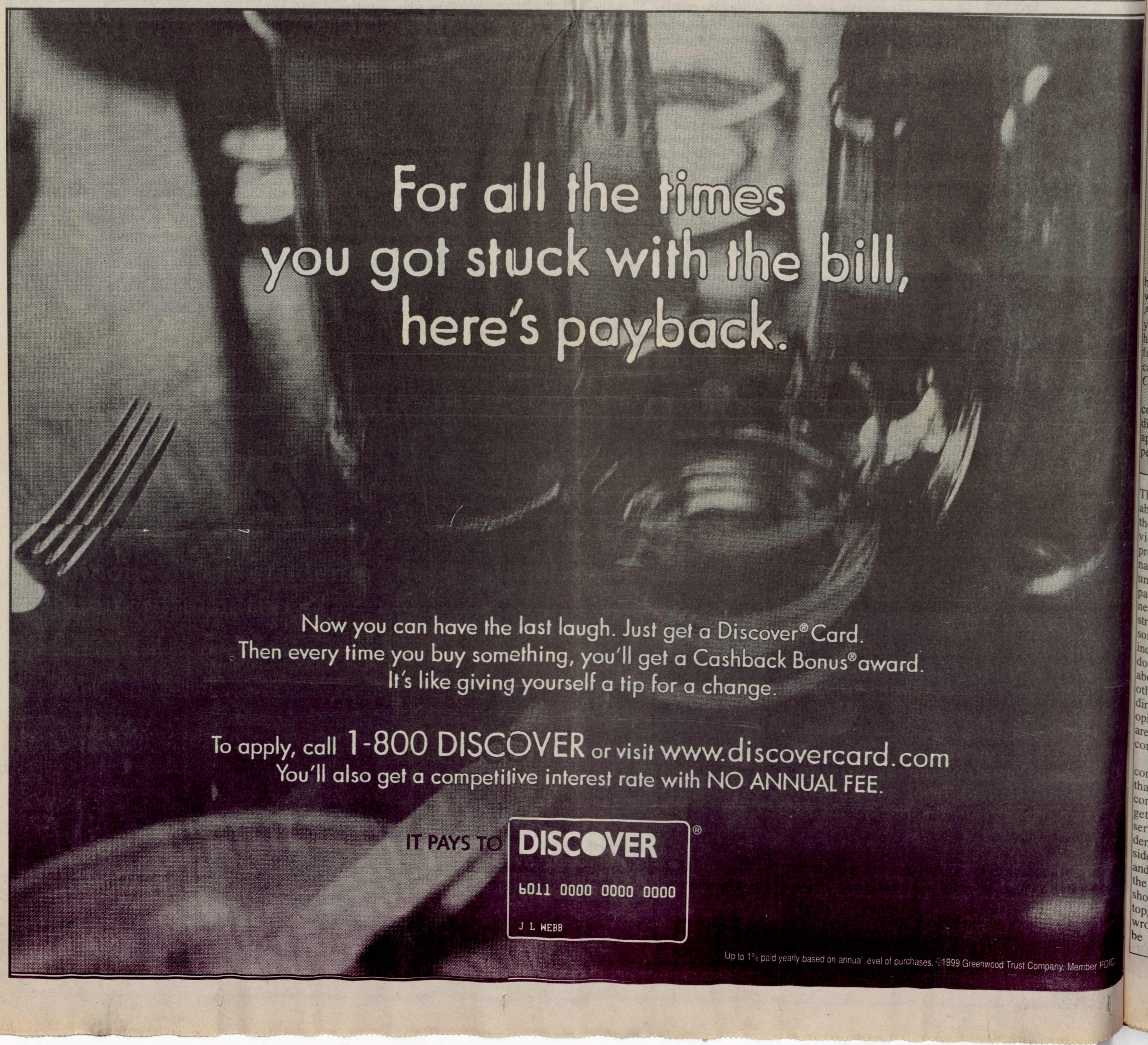

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Give me a break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

Every once in a while, I hear something that really shocks the bejesus out of me. Last week's article written by my colleague and boss, Greg Gelpi, provided that shock.

As I read his column, I sat stunned at the audacity of this student who threatened to physically harm us, journalists, if we dared write something about his organization. Is this anything like the threat I heard throughout my childhood, "Hey, if you tell Mama on me, I'll kick the snot out of you"?

Throughout the past three years, I have been confronted with similar taunts and dares from faculty, administration and students when I interviewed them on controversial topics. But, I think this particular case wins the prize.

As Gelpi stated in his article last week, journalists have an obligation to the public to inform them of current events. This includes events that might be harmful to the subject of the article. My advice to those people around campus who feel the need to threaten us, who are merely doing our job, is quite simple. Either stay out of trouble or cover your tracks better.

Next, I feel that I have to defend my fellow journalists on another subject that also involves the students, administration, staff and faculty of NSU. Over the past three years, I have answered many phone calls from irate people across the campus who claim that they were misquoted or that they did not say the quoted statement. While I will be the first to admit that discrepancies are not unheard of among college journalists, for the most part, we make every effort to be valid in our articles.

It has been my finding that most of the problems lie not with the journalist, but with the interviewee. From personal experience, I can attest that some people enjoy stating their opinion, regardless of how crude it might be, and expect the journalist to be kind enough to edit it for content. I was faced with this situation on numerous occasions this semester.

A bit of advice for those who follow this practice - don't say it if you don't want it printed. Or use the phrase that the big wigs are known for - "this is off the record."

The campus according to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

In my four years at NSU, I have seen many things. From championship football games and Internet radio broadcasts to risquÈ dorm room activity and Cowboy Mouth (the really good concert....that actually went well!).

There is one thing that I have not been witnessed to during this time. I am quite certain that it happens sometimes (namely commencement); however, it probably does not happen as often as it should....teacher recognition and acknowledgment.

They say that teaching is a thankless task....and considering that I will never again have this sort of "and the award goes to..." forum for an acceptance speech...I would like to thank the following people:

Dr. Ben Rushing, for being the perfect first impression of a college professor (anyone who can make an 8 AM algebra class worthwhile must be one hell of a teacher) and for having outstanding taste in music.

Connie Jones, for treating me like an adult rather than a subordinate, and for reminding me what it is to be a water carrier for a quality organization.

Dr. Lynn Woods, for putting the students best interests (even when they have no idea what those interests are) first.

Patricia Pierson, for heading the sharpest HMT program in the country.

Sherlynn Byrd, for being the best advisor KNWD has had in recent years, and Mr. X (also known as Tommy Whitehead) for namelessly helping in any worthy situation.

Roy Davis, for doing 80 things at one time.

I would also like to thank:

Luke Dowden, for your commitment to the students at NSU, and your assistance with all the conspiracy theories one can handle. Tim, David, Rita, Paul, Ryan, and everyone at SAB for all your effort and successes and Mr. Henry for being nice about my pitiful golf game.

Everyone at the Current Sauce and Potpourri, for letting me be a part of something important.

My beloved staff at KNWD especially Mess and Clarkson for believing in it as much as I did, Julie, Manny, Jacob and Raymond for doing your jobs at the caliber I asked for, and Juice for being the cockiest little white guy a manager could know.

President Webb, for not separating the progress of the university and desires of the student body (and for always responding to my complaints and requests in a timely fashion).

Kate and Lilly, for being a constant reminder that every moment is better than the last, and for making all that I have done worthwhile (I love you guys).

Finally, to everyone who ever said I could not do it.....May 7th is for you!

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

No, my job here isn't to see how many people I can upset with as few words as possible. Although if I do upset you and you find yourself suddenly hating me, don't forget to vote for the most hated man on campus by simply e-mailing *The Current Sauce*.

Luckily, Spring Fling trends continued last week as another dismal crowd (if that word is applicable...does a handful of people constitute a crowd?) showed up for the SAB's presentation of Spank the Monkey and Cowboy Mouth.

I say luckily because the way that the few people who did show up acted was, for lack of better words, pathetic at best.

No, I'm not Ms. Manners. I'm not even Mr. Manners, but I feel a need to comment on the lack of manners at the concert.

Prior to the concert, no one had even heard of Spank the Monkey. Many simply enjoyed mocking the name. Despite this, a majority of the crowd attending the concert nonchalantly followed directions given by the lead singer to "return the love" with a one-finger salute.

Like lambs to the slaughter, students obeyed a complete stranger without hesitation and without question.

Another student showed his intellect and barbarism by crowd-surfing after being warned not to do so. Natchitoches Police Officers promptly jumped to his rescue by offering the student a few kicks in the side and literally dragging him away for his safety.

I understand that such violent criminal behavior warrants and deserves such drastic action, but maybe such force should be toned down in front of several reporters and hundred of students.

Another pointer. I suggest that a polite smile should be added to smooth follow though when kicking someone. Anytime someone can smile while doing their job, it brings that much more joy to everyone's life.

Obviously, from the amount of screaming "fans" begging to hear some song called "Jenny Says," many students don't realize that Cowboy Mouth didn't traverse the great state of Louisiana to play one song and leave.

For the record, Cowboy Mouth is NOT a one-hit wonder.

As students, we should at least make a noble attempt to expand our minds. Cowboy Mouth has released several CDs. I promise these CDs contain more than one song.

Call me crazy, but if we, the students, are going to pay 16,000 dollars, shouldn't we give a wee bit of respect to the performers?

None of this makes any sense to me, but then again I must remind myself that here at good ole NSU we have open admissions.

Guest faculty Columnist

Dr. James Picht
Professor of Economics
Louisiana Scholars' College

Recent articles and letters in The Current Sauce regarding abortion, revisionist history of the Holocaust, and threats of violence toward the editors prompted me to reflect on the nature of public discourse in a university, especially on the pages of a student-run newspaper. I've often been struck by the strident tone of some writers, and by the logical inconsistency of their views. I don't propose to discuss abortion, the Holocaust, or any other controversial subject directly, but only to offer my opinion on the way these issues are treated by members of our community.

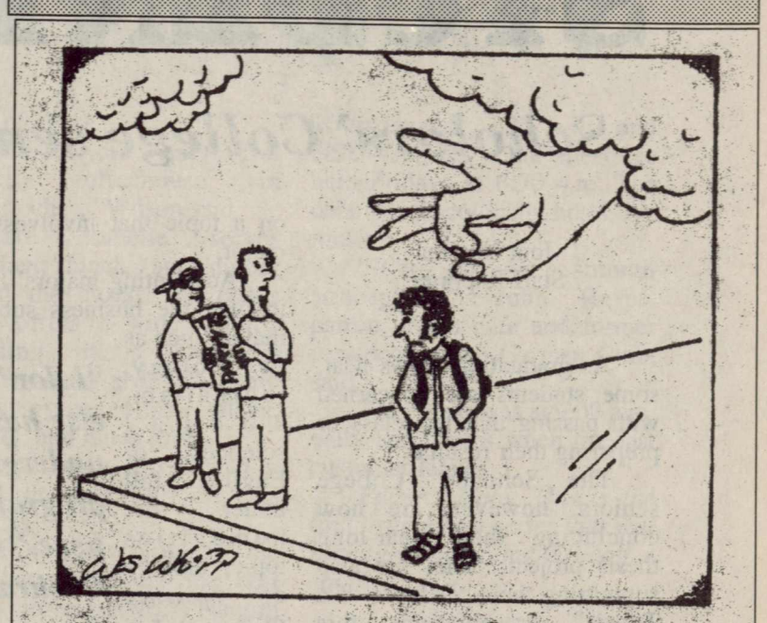
Most striking in conversations on some issues is that there is often no conversation at all. Instead, we get a series of monologues, sermons to the converted denouncing those on the other side as enemies of all that's good and decent. Almost as striking is the apparent belief that there should be no conversation; the topic has only a right side and a wrong side, and no one should be given the opportunity to spread wrong views in polite conversation.

As striking as these tendencies are, they seem to me outright bizarre in a university setting. The notion of the university as a place of intellectual give and take, a place where ideas are discussed and evaluated on their merits, is perhaps sentimental and a bit naive. Sentiment seems preferable, though, to the spectacle of emotional outbursts in the newspaper and broken noses on the faces of the editorial staff. We all recognize and even enjoy the visceral pleasure of an emotional outburst, but when it's over, it achieves little in the way of communication, enlightenment, or persuasion.

I'm not suggesting that the university should be a place where placid people sit politely all day long, discussing with intellectual dispassion every idea that comes their way. An important part of education is learning to be intelligently judgmental. Some ideas are demonstrably wrong and patently ridiculous, and there's no reason to spend much time discussing them; the world isn't flat, and I won't let a flat-Earth crackpot waste my time. But most controversial topics, like abortion, aren't so easily settled. While I'm certain that my opinion on the topic is intellectually coherent and morally sound, I have to admit that I don't know that for certain. A sense of moral certainty makes it awfully easy to deal with life's difficult issues, but the feeling deep in my soul may not be the feeling deep in yours. It's great to see intellect motivated by passion, but it's foolish and dangerous to let passionate convictions cloud our minds and warp our vision.

As with abortion, so with President Clinton, the fall break, and the merits of Madonna as a chanteuse. We should all be equipped to render our judgements, even as we recognize elements of subjectivity and uncertainty in them, and retain sufficient humility to listen to reasoned opinions different from our own. We might even learn something in the process, if only that the enemies of all that's good and decent sometimes seem almost human.

THE WHIPPING POST
by Wes Whipp



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STUDENTS ON THE DEFENSIVE

Scholars' College seniors prepare to defend their year-long thesis project

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

As graduation draws near, some students are concerned with passing that last class or preparing their resume.

The Scholars' College seniors, however, are now concluding their year-long thesis projects. They are also submitting their "Defense of a Thesis" presentations this month.

All Scholars' College seniors are required to do a thesis in order to graduate. The thesis is an in-depth research project designed to evaluate the students' ability to learn and acquire information. The students' then must present their thesis at a thesis defense. At the defense, the thesis is explained and a question and answer period follows the presentation.

"It's a really good way to see if you have learned how to learn," Dr. Betsy Cochran, director of Scholars' College said. "Because you are asked to go out and essentially create your own thesis."

Students may do their thesis in four subject areas: business, humanities, fine arts, or science. Students are encouraged to cover their thesis on a topic that involves their major.

Accounting majors' theses involve the business subjects; majors such as psychology, journalism, social sciences, or English fall under the humanities topic; biology or science majors concentrate on the science topic; and theater or music majors fall under fine and performing arts. Some of the more recurring subjects include literature analysis and science experiments with rats. The theses are all original ideas.

"I don't think anyone else has the year-long undergraduate thesis program like we do here," Dr. Betsy Cochran, Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College

The theses' are evaluated in two parts. The first grade is derived from the first semester.

"Most of the faculty will base one grade on if the student has put in a good effort, have they met their deadlines, and have they gone to all of their meetings, have they done the library research, all those things are processed into the first grade," Dr. Cochran said.

The second and final grade is derived from the work in the second semester.

"The final grade in the second semester is usually based on the quality of the exam copy which is the next to the last draft, the oral reports, and the final copy." Dr. Cochran said. "What everyone dreams of is a student who turns in everything on time, and produces brilliant work, and some students are actually able to do that."

Dr. Cochran commented that the work is not always as intimidating as it seems. "A lot of students think the work will be very difficult, but actually, the whole curriculum is built up to it, and it's like writing five or six long papers and that makes it not quite so intimidating."

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Melinda Gray, Scholars' senior, presents her senior thesis at her thesis defense last week.

A scholars' college thesis is usually more general than a master's or doctorate thesis. The students are advised to write to a more general audience.

"Our expectation would be that you could take a thesis about a project and understand what the student did, whereas, if the student was in graduate school they might write a more narrowly focused audience for other scientists in their discipline." Dr. Cochran commented.

The Scholars' College also understands if a particular method failed or if the results turn out the wrong way. The college will permit the student write up the process that revealed the results.

"It doesn't have to be the end of the world if it turned out wrong," she said. "The project has to be new to the student, but if it's not new to the world that's okay."

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Faculty members and students pose questions to Scholars' senior Melinda Gray.

The Scholars' College has also just recently revised the timeline for the thesis process. The students were able to decide the spring of their junior year what the thesis topic would be. The next step was then to have a proposal by the fall of their senior year. At this time the research process would also begin.

The Scholars' College found for some students that timeline was not enough. The process has been revised and students can begin the proposals the spring of their junior year and work on research during the summer.

There are a few other departments at Northwestern that have senior projects that are similar to the Scholars' College thesis. However, Dr. Cochran said the other projects do not require as much as the Scholars' College thesis.

"I don't think anyone else has the year-long undergraduate thesis program like we do here." She said.

About 35 students are submitting a thesis this semester.

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Students concerned about Yugoslavia

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

"NATO ministers adjust demands" is this morning's news title on MSNBC. The NATO foreign ministers were making slight changes to their positions on Yugoslavia after another night of air strikes.

The strikes included bombing a railway bridge and possibly a nearby train by mistake killing nine civilians and wounding 16. Several students have mixed feelings on the United State's involvement in this Kosovo crisis.

"I don't think we have any reason to be over there," said Chad Mills, senior and member of the university's College Republicans. "I think risking other people's lives and American soldiers and killing innocent civilians for something most of us don't even understand is wrong."

Mills stated that China is a good example of explaining why the U.S. shouldn't be fighting over there. According to Mills, China has some human rights violations but we are not bombing China."

"I think that the U.S. involvement is inappropriate," said Earl Gates, sophomore. "I think we're over there for the wrong reasons. I believe there are American soldiers over there for the President's own agenda."

There has been talk of recalling the draft. Right now there is 60% of the 1 1/2 million Reserve and National Guard soldiers in the Middle East and Kosovo. So the troops are spread thin.

"I don't support bringing back the draft," Mills said. "However, if we continue to spread our military so thin, we will have no choice but to recall the draft. I am concerned about the refugees and their plight, but I don't see that the American's interests are involved. We cannot engage ourselves in every humanitarian war."

"I feel that as long as public opinion is the way it is, I think that the president will pull out troops before he institutes a draft," Gates said.

An NSU student from Yugoslavia has had bombing near their neighborhood and expressed their feelings on the U.S. involvement.

"I think that the U.S. isn't the only one involved. I'm not mad at the American people. I'm mad about the things that are happening in my country," the student said.

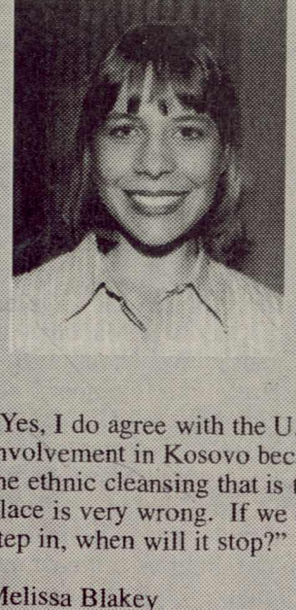
"I don't understand why they would bomb other people's homes that have nothing to do with it. They're doing unhumanitarian things and they say they're doing something humanitarian. And I'm upset that my parents have to go through this and go to a shelter every day."

"Current Quotes"

"Do you agree with the U.S. involvement in Yugoslavia?"

"I agree with the U.S. involvement with the Kosovo situation because we do not need a repeat of WWII. Religious freedom is an important issue that we tend to take for granted."

Amie Stennett
Freshman



"Yes, I do agree with the U.S. involvement in Kosovo because the ethnic cleansing that is taking place is very wrong. If we don't step in, when will it stop?"

Melissa Blakey
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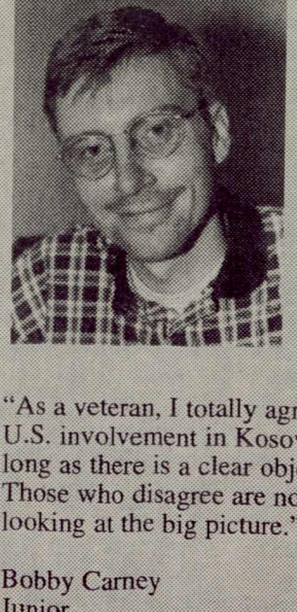
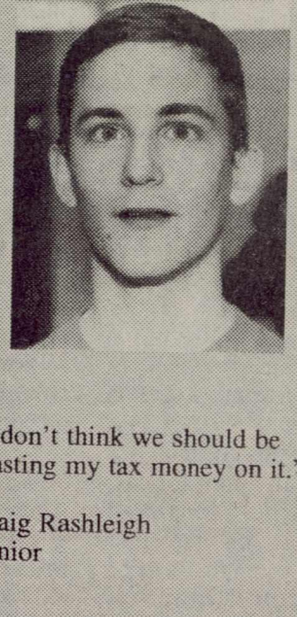


"As a veteran, I totally agree with U.S. involvement in Kosovo as long as there is a clear objective. Those who disagree are not looking at the big picture."

Bobby Carney
Junior



"I don't think we should be wasting my tax money on it."

Craig Rashleigh
Senior

Features

Cafe combines unique menu, atmosphere

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

The growing trend for coffee shops and cafes to be the center of culture and diversity for college students has spread throughout the Natchitoches community.

The number of cafes increases constantly. Two cafes are located on Front St., one is inside Albertson's and one is on College Ave.. with another soon to be completed on College Ave..

However, the oldest and probably most established coffee shop in Natchitoches is Cafe Isabelle, located on Front Street.

"Cafe Isabelle is the best kept secret in Natchitoches," Lisa Wilson, Northwestern student and assistant manager of the cafe, said.

Cafe Isabelle enjoys a picturesque view of historic downtown Natchitoches and Cane River. With tables and chairs along the sidewalks, patrons are able to take in the scenery.

The cafe intrigues many by displaying and selling local artwork and exotic gifts from foreign countries including India, Egypt, Peru, Tibet, and Germany.

"I like the environment, the imports, and the people," Wilson said. Wilson went on to describe the environment as "casual, but cultural."

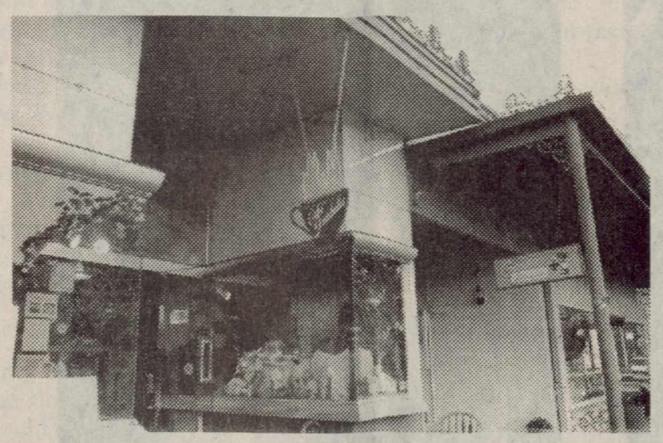


Photo by Steve Evans

Cafe` Isabelle has become one of the most prominent coffee shops in Natchitoches.

Customers soon realize áll that the cafe has to offer. From board games to Natchitoches's only morphing machine, Cafe Isabelle appeals to kids of all ages. Many also meet for a game of chess.

"We're the only full service coffeehouse in Natchitoches," Wilson said.

Cafe Isabelle serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner around the clock. The cafe's menu offers a wide variety, including items from a Mediterranean grill. The cafe serves gyros, pitas, salads, omelets, and much more.

Joe Naquin, a freshman at the University, knows his favorites.

"The fajita pita and the chocolate shake are the best things to eat here," Naquin said.

In addition to the menu, Cafe Isabelle provides weekly events. All are welcome to attend poetry readings held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and NSU German Club meetings held Fridays at 6:30 p.m. The cafe also periodically hosts live music.

"It's got a smooth atmosphere," John Reves, patron of the cafe and former president of the German Club, said.

The cafe opens at 9:00 a.m. daily and closes when the last customer leaves.

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a series that will highlight Natchitoches coffee shops.

Student appointed to important GOP position

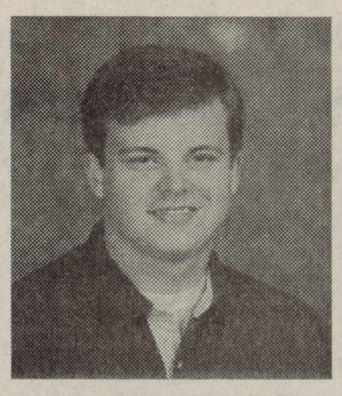
Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

At a campus where political apathy seems to be a standard, it is refreshing to see one student who has already acquired a prominent position in a political party.

Chad H. Mills, a senior political science major was chosen as the State Republican PAC chairman for District C. District C includes area parishes such as Natchitoches, DeSoto, Sabine, and Red River parishes. A PAC chairman is responsible for the party's political endorsements.

Mills' position includes meeting with Republican candidates, endorsing candidates, raising funds for the Republican party, and serving as the contact representative for the Republican party in the district.

Mills meets with candidates and advises the Republican party if the candidates are worth endorsing.



Chad Mills

"I am on the road a lot meeting with people running for political office and I am the man responsible for promoting the Republican party," said Mills.

Mills was appointed the position by the chairman of the Louisiana Republican party. The position is just a respected title and offers no pay. Mills said the position is usually awarded to older members within the Republican party who have donated plenty of money to the party. The appointment for Mills, however, came as a surprise.

"I am a young guy who hasn't donated any money," said Mills. "I am a young guy who has only donated time, effort, and energy."

Mills said the Republican party of Louisiana decided to appoint younger members to help reach out to younger voters. The Republican party noticed Mills' hard work with the NSU College Republicans and his work with local Republican campaigns.

Mills said promoting the Republican party will be a challenge due to the lack of Republican organizations in the area. The NSU College Republicans is the only Republican auxillary in the area.

"Since we don't have many organizations, it's hard to get that support generated," said Mills. "My job will be difficult to do because there is not a lot of Republicans represented here."

Mills is hoping to change that. He plans on starting more Republican organizations.

"The conservatives are out there and if they had a way to show support, they will."

His goal is to eventually have more publicity and recognition for Republicans in the area.

"It's a very prestigious position to hold in the Republican party and I am honored," he said.

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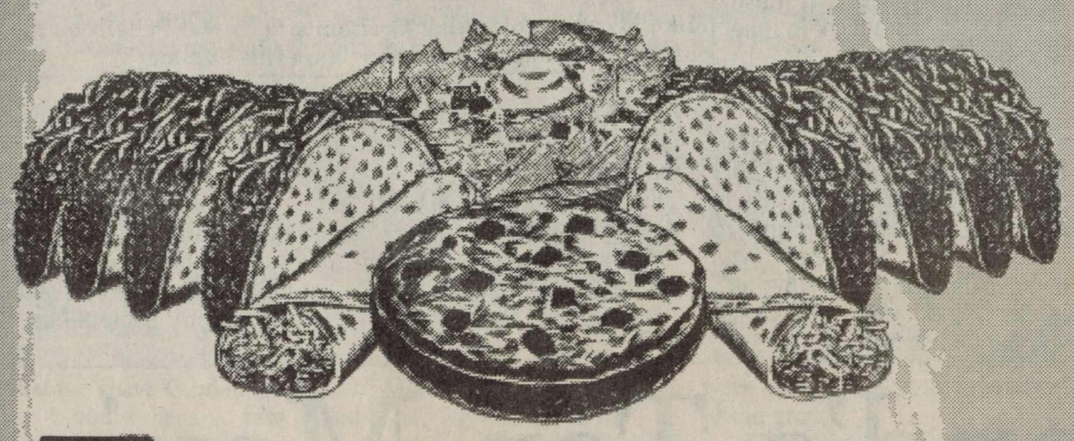

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Registrar's office and computer center preparing for Y2K bug

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Despite the constant fretting over the Y2K computer bug, Northwestern State University is ready for the year 2000.

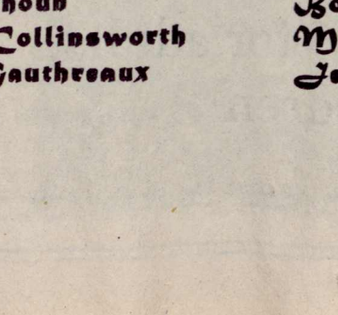
NSU students can feel relieved to know that the Registrars' office has made the proper adjustments to their computer systems to secure students records in preparation of the upcoming millenium.

In preparation for Y2K, student records have been secured in two separate computer systems.

In addition to having all transcripts on the VAX system, the Registrar's Office also has stored records on an optical disk system.

According to Registrar Lillie Frazier-Bell, the optical disk system is used as a back up system in case the VAX shuts down.

All of the major



computer systems, except for the Human Resource System (HRS), coming out of the alpha system are Y2K compliant says Dr. Anthony Scheffler.

Scheffler said the HRS will be Y2K compliant within the next couple of weeks.

Phil Gillis, the Y2K compliant officer, is in charge of overseeing the progress of turning all of the computer systems over and reports significant happenings to the board.

Scheffler said that as far as student loans and grants there should not be any problems because as the computer systems which store this information have been made Y2K compliant.

Currently, the Computer Center is working on all the PC's on campus to make them Y2K compliant. To assist in this endeavor, the Computer Center is looking to hire two NSU students with computer knowledge to assist in this process. For more information, please contact the Computer Center at 357-5594.

Congratulations to the 1999-2000 Demon Dazzlers

Captain: Jamie Freeman Co-Captain: Jaime McElroy

Members: Rebecca Brettel, Alison Bulot, Cara Calhoun, Keasha Collinsworth, Celeste Gauthreaux, Amy Houck, Alyssa Hutcheson, Bonnie Post, Mignon Stelly, Jennifer Tucker

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Cowboy Mouth and Spank the Monkey play for NSU

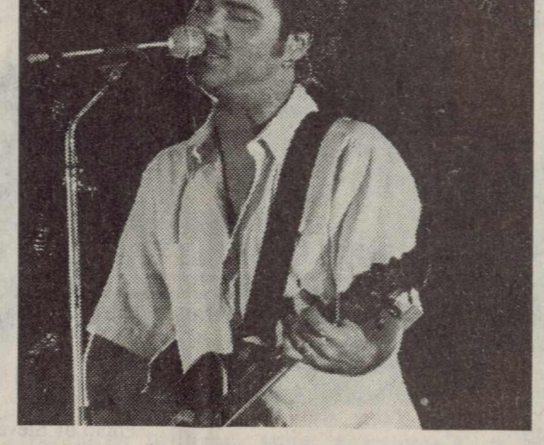
Cowboy Mouth and Spank the Monkey rocked NSU's campus last Thursday as part of the SAB's annual Spring Fling.

Over 800 people turned out to cheer on the bands and sing along to some of their favorite songs as the bands impressed many in attendance.

"I had never even heard of the two groups and only went because it was something to do," junior LaDarien Amos said. "But after they started playing I soon started to enjoy myself."

Spank the Monkey came out first and rocked with some of their best hits. Then the featured band, Cowboy Mouth, showed and rocked the house.

"I love Cowboy Mouth," sophomore B.J. White said. "So I went wild when they bust on stage."



Photos by Gary Hardamon
Cowboy Mouth and Spank the Monkey played to over 500 last Thursday in Prather Coliseum.

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Cruel Intentions delivers

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Well folks, if you like sex, sex, and more promiscuous premarital sex then this is the movie for you! Cause there's several sex scenes, kissing scenes and a small nude scene for you ladies that are fans of Ryan Phillipe.

The story is of two rich stepsiblings, Kathryn Merteuil (Sarah Michelle Gellar, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) and Sebastian Valmont (Ryan Phillipe, *I Know What You Did Last Summer*). They're hot for each other, but just tease each other throughout most of the movie. Kathryn is Miss Perfect at school and everybody loves her. No one knows the real her, a cunning witch. Sebastian is known for his reputation of seducing any girl he wants into bed. Kathryn is dumped by Court Reynolds, a popular boy at school, for the naive and ditzy Cecile Caldwell (played by Selma Blair).

She challenges Sebastian to ruin Cecile by "deflowering" her and turning her into a tramp thus humiliating Court by delivering Cecile to him as damaged goods. Sebastian agrees but he feels it's too easy a conquest for him. He sets his sights on a greater challenge: the new headmaster's daughter, Annette Hargrove (played by Reese Witherspoon, Pleasantville). Annette has an article published in Seventeen magazine on how she wants to wait until she marries her boyfriend before having sex.

Sebastian bets Kathryn he can seduce the chaste and pristine Annette before school starts in the fall. She thinks that it's impossible and agrees to the bet. She says if she wins and he doesn't seduce Annette into bed, she gets his vintage Jaguar. And if he wins, she'll sleep with him since she's the one girl he hasn't been able to get yet.

Personally, I really did like this movie. But all of the constant sexual innuendos got kind of old after awhile. And the ending is unexpected which I think makes the movie good. If you haven't seen this movie and are dying too, then go. But I would suggest you wait for it on video and save a few dollars. If you do see it in theaters, I would suggest you go to the restroom and get your popcorn, soda and/or candy before the movie. Because if you leave in the middle, you could miss something that will make the movie confusing. I'm not saying that this movie is hard to follow, but if you leave in certain parts, you'd need a friend to explain what you missed.

The theme of this movie seems to be "what you can't have, you can't resist. In the game of seduction, there is only one rule. Never fall in love."

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Cruel Intentions (R)
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Forces of Nature (PG-13)
7:30

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What to see after *Star Wars*

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Everyone knows what happens on May 19 right?

No, some of you say. Well, here's a little hint: the new *Star Wars* movie premiers across America.

The Phantom Menace is sure to be the biggest hit of the summer, but let us not forget the other note worthy films that premier after the Menace has descended upon us.

Here is a list of the top five other film's to see this summer. But please make sure to see Star Wars first.

1. *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me.*

Austin (Mike Myers) is back and he's randier than ever as he chases Dr. Evil (also played by Myers) back in time to 1960s London.

2. *Big Daddy*

Adam Sandler's latest effort finds him as the adoptive father of a five year old boy. The catch: he only adopted the child to impress his girlfriend who dumped him anyway. Now he's stuck with kid, who knows what will happed next.

3. *Eyes Wide Shut*

Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman star as married psychologists who have a secret life with their patients which includes extramarrital sex, crossdressing fetishes, shooting morphine and not paying electric bills (okay that last one is pretty rough). This film is the work of late director Stanley Kubrick and took over two-and a-half years to complete.

File Photo
Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in what might be the only film to compete with Star Wars this summer

4. *Wild Wild West*

Will Smith and Kevin Kline star in this sci-fi/fantasy flick based on the quirky cult TV series of the same name. The special effects are rumored to give Star Wars a run for its money.

5. *Summer of Sam*

Spike Lee tells the story of the Son of Sam killer from a different perspective. It's not going to be a big draw but with Lee as the director it should be riveting.

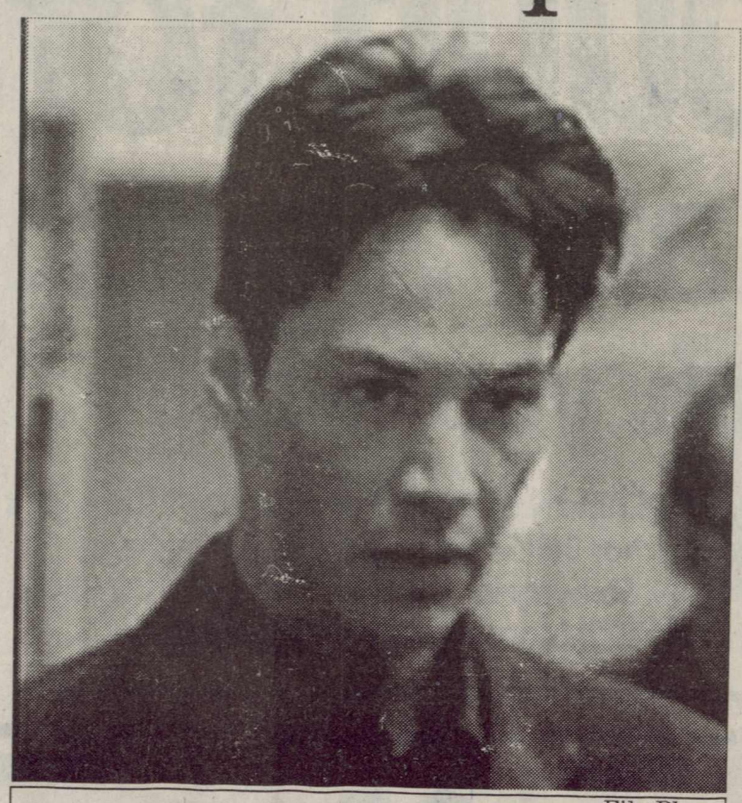
Weekend's Top Movies

Not even the queen of cute could dethrone the king of CGI cool this weekend. Keanu Reeves and *The Matrix* nabbed the number one in the box office race for the second week, edging out Drew Barrymore's new release, Never Been Kissed.

According to estimates released today, *The Matrix*, with its intense physical graphics and fast-paced sci-fi plot, compelled viewers of all ages to spend about $22.2 million between Friday and Sunday. Its 12-day total stands at $72.9 million.

Never Been Kissed, Barrymore's ugly-duckling tale set in the ever-judgemental halls of a high school, performed the best of the weekend's rookie releases. It debuted at number two with $11.7 million.

Tales of transformation seemed to appeal more than the sex-and-drug road movie *Go*, which only took in $4.7 million and debuted at number six. Some holdovers edged out director Doug Liman's (*Swingers*) sophomore attempt: Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin's *The Out of Towners* managed to earn $5.3 million, despite lukewarm reviews; *Ten Things I Hate About You*, with its teenaged spin on Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, fell from number two to number four with $5.2 million in ticket sales; and the Robert Deniro-Billy Crystal pairing *Analyze This* came in at number five with $5.1 million.



File Photo
Keanu Reeves stars in The Matrix, a sci-fi action flick that has rung up $73 million in ticket sales since its opening day.

And now, the rest of the story. Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck took seventh place with their romantic comedy *Forces of Nature*, which grossed $3.7 million. *Twin Dragons*, starring Jackie Chan and Jackie Chan (thus, the "Twin"), opened the martial arts flick in approximately 1,000 theaters and took in just $2.8 million. This was the poorest opening for a Chan pic, who has released seven films in the last three years.

Chan's closest competition was Disney's animated *Dougie* whose first movie earned number nine with totals of $2.3 million. Finally, Aritisan's limited release of the urban comedy *Foolish*, coupling rap star Master P and Eddie Griffin, pulled in an impressive $2.3 million in only 305 theaters.

Falling out of the top ten were Matthew McConaughey's *EDtv*, which has seen far less success than originally expected, Claire Danes' *The Mod Squad* (not much of a surprise); and *Shakespeare in Love* and *Life is Beautiful*, both of which were enjoying an Oscar-induced resurgence in ticket sales.

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Pushing the Envelope: Wrestling in America

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

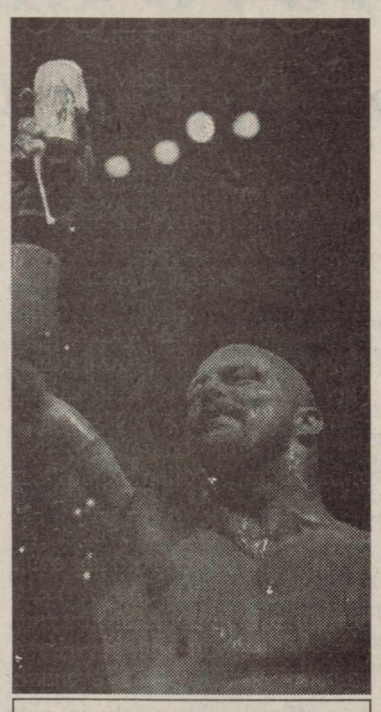
There is a group of men and women in America that is to say the least, unique.

One of their leaders is known to the group as the Lord of Darkness. This man speaks in ancient tongues and tells his followers to "allow the purity of evil to guide them." He performes human sacrifices regularly to appease the greater power that he says he answers to and one of the men in his "Ministry" frequently can be seen drinking blood from a chalice.

Another man in the group preaches from his own personal bible. His favorite book is the book of Austin, his favorite chapter and verse is 3:16. Unlike the New Testament's John 3:16 which says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," Austin 3:16 says "I just whipped your ass."

These two men and the group they represent are not some new radical form of the religions Christianity or Satanism but normal everyday men. There home is not in an isolated compound in Montana where they spew forth their false rhetoric to brainwashed disciples. No, they make their home at the World Wrestling Federation.

Recently, the "sport" of professional wrestling has found an unprecedented renewal in people's interest. Merchandise is everywhere, house shows are sold out months in advance and the "sport's" performers can be seen everywhere from Late Night talk shows to the White House.



File Photo
"Stone Cold" Steve Austin drinks a cold one after a victory. Some say wrestling goes too far to get fans.

Why such a renewed interest? That's easy; it's because of such events and personalities mentioned before.

In 1994, WWF owner Vince McMahon was rocked by a steroid scandal. Though aquitted of all criminal charges, his company was in shambles. He lost virtually all of his big-name stars to rival wrestling company World Championship Wrestling (WCW).

For three years, the WWF struggled and was clearly the No. 2 wrestling organization in America. Then at the pay-per-view event WrestleMania 13, Vince started to get back a little of what he lost.

How? He admitted something that everyone new but no one in the wrestling business would ever dare say: It's all fake.

And since it's fake, Vince rationalized to make the stories more and more elaborate, to push the envelope. Now, two years later, the WWF is on top. It consistently beats WCW in their Monday night ratings war and during football season, usually it beats ABC's Monday Night Football.

But has it gone too far. The sacrilige, the simulated acts of sex that frequent the show, the vulgarity of it all. Many say yes, many say the programs negatively influence the children of America.

McMahon defends his actions by saying "we are not any racier than something you would see on daytime television."

While that is still a matter of debate, some simply click over to the Ted Turner owned WCW, which is considered more family oriented.

But calling this form of wrestling "family oriented" is laughable because sometimes they are just as out there as the WWF.

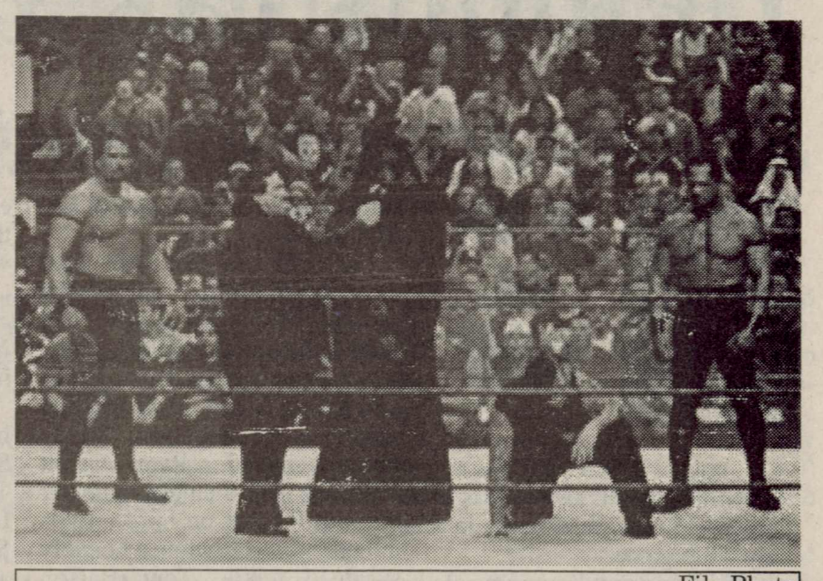
They have faction gangs known as the NWO White and the NWO Red and their in ring tactics are just as violent and pervasive as McMahon's boys.

Although, the satanic and religious references are not there as much as in the WWF, the WCW is still not for the family. Sure if the family consists of people who are above 15 its fine. But children have no right to watch the programs that come on the USA Network and TNT Monday nights from 7 to 10.

But for the rest of the population, to each his own. If some one enjoys this particular type of entertainment, more power to them.

And like McMahon has said many times in the past - if you don't like his product you don't have to watch. So for anyone who is opposed to the WWF and WCW, don't try and understand its fans or the concept of it all, just take the man's advice, excercise your rights as an American and switch to something else.

After all there's always *Something About Raymond* on Monday nights.



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The Undertaker (center) with his "Ministry of Darkness" address the crowd at a recent WWF show. The group has taken much heat because of their sacreligous practices.

File Photo
Owner of the WWF Vince McMahon has changed the face of wrestling. But is the change for the good?

'N Sync not just for teenagers

Courtney LaCour
Managing Editor

Last Tuesday, I did something I thought I'd never do in a million years — I went to an 'N Sync concert in Lafayette.

OK, I know what you're thinking. 'N Sync? After all, why would a 22-year-old college senior go to a concert filled with teen-age girls screaming for five guys that seem to be a modern-day version of New Kids on the Block?

I'll tell you why — it was free.

That's right, my mom bought my ticket so I could chaperon my 13-year-old sister and her friend to the concert. Also included in the deal was a free meal at the Olive Garden, so I decided I could hear a few hours of bubble gum pop music.

But to my surprise, I actually enjoyed the concert. Opening the show was the trio Divine, who is best known for their hit "Lately" and the remake of George Michael's song "One More Try."

The second act was Tatyana Ali, who played Will Smith's cousin on the television show, "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air." Both of these acts were filled with decent music and great dancing.

Finally, after a 30-minute intermission, "the show" began. It was hard to concentrate with thousands of young girls screaming, crying and stomping their feet, but somehow, I managed to watch the show.

I have to admit, I'm not a huge fan of 'N Sync, but I recognized several of their songs from the radio including "Tearing Up My Heart" and "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You." Most of the songs are very likable and easy to dance to.

Speaking of dancing, I have to give credit where credit is due. These boys can dance. As a four-year member of the Demon Dazzlers, I spent a lot of time closely watching their dance moves.

All five of them never stopped moving throughout the show. They sang, danced, jumped around, but most importantly, they kept the crowd entertained. Their acrobatic skills were amazing.

The energy level never decreased for the hour and a half they were on stage. 'N Sync also sang one song from each decade, starting with the 60s, and they were dressed to fit each time period.

Speaking for all the girls at the show, I can probably say the best part of the show came at the end when all five guys flew over the crowd during one of their songs. In fact, they flew just above a sea of young hands that were dying to touch any member of the group.

Overall, I'd have to say the experience wasn't so bad. I'm not going to rush out to buy their CD, but I'm glad I went — and like I said before, it was free.

Upcoming A&E Events at Northwestern

April 14 - Annual Research Dy, A.A Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts, 8:30 a.m. Guest speaker Erik Davis, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, 11 a.m.

April 14 - College of Liberal Arts Banquet, Friedman Student Union Ballroom

April 18-19 - NSU Operal Theatre, "The True Story of Cinderalla," Sun. 3 p.m., Monday 7:30 p.m.

April 19-30 - NSU Faculty Art Exhibition. Works by Bill Bryant, Michael Yankowski, Rivers Murphy, Clyde Downs and Brooks DeFee. Hanchey Art Gallery, (Downstairs).

April 19-30 - NSU Student Art Society Competition. Hanchey Art Gallery (Upstairs).

April 20 - Guest Masterclass/Demonstraion, Niklas Ekland, Magale Recital Hall, 10 a.m.

April 21-25, 27-28 - NSU Theatre presents Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale," A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

April 22 - Northwestern Symphony Pops Concert, Downtown Riverbank Stage, 7:30 p.m.

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Demons take second, but fall to 'Bama

Demons prepare for crucial road swing against both Tech and Northeast

Jay Lyles
Staff
Reporter

NSU dropped an 8-6 loss to number 16 ranked Alabama in a very close game.

Phillips went deep on a solo homer in the third-inning to bring the Demons within three runs of the four scored by Alabama in the bottom of the second.

Alabama went on to build up their score to six by scoring single runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

It remained that way until the eighth-inning when the Demon offense came alive and scored five runs to tie the game.

Ronnie Quintana opened the inning with a lead-off double and scored as his teammate Buddy Proctor singled. Ryan Anholt followed with a single to center that put Proctor on third. Even though he was fighting a horribly sprained ankle, Tom Batson brought Proctor home to put the score at 6-3.

That is when Trosclair lit up the sky with his three run shot off the first pitch he got from Scott Murphy.

The Demons, however, gave up two runs in the bottom of the eighth-inning and could not get the runs necessary to pull off the win.

Clifton Glidewell (0-3) who came to the mound for Northwestern in the fourth-inning got the loss.

The Demons came back home over the weekend for Southland Conference action. They took two of the three games from The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The first game, which ended in an 8-4 score, went the Demons' way, but it did not exactly get off to a good start for Northwestern.

NSU did take the lead in the bottom of the first-inning, but UTSA scored two runs in the third and another one in the fourth to go up 3-1. NSU returned the runs in the fifth-inning as they scored two more.

UTSA went on to score again in the top of the seventh-inning and just when it seemed the clock was out, Northwestern got another run in the bottom of the seventh off walks and took the game to extra innings.

The eighth was scoreless as was the top of the ninth.

In the bottom of the ninth, however, with one out, Batson blasted a grand slam home run to win the game and get free pizza for everyone in the ballpark.

Glidewell (1-3) was the third Demon pitcher to enter the game, and he picked up the win.

In game two, the Demons came back to kill UTSA by nailing 13 hits and getting nine runs out of them. All the while, they allowed UTSA to only score three times on eight hits.

Adam Stout (6-2) picked up the win for NSU as he went the whole game.

The Demons returned on Sunday and played gritty, but dropped a game to UTSA with a score of 8-6.

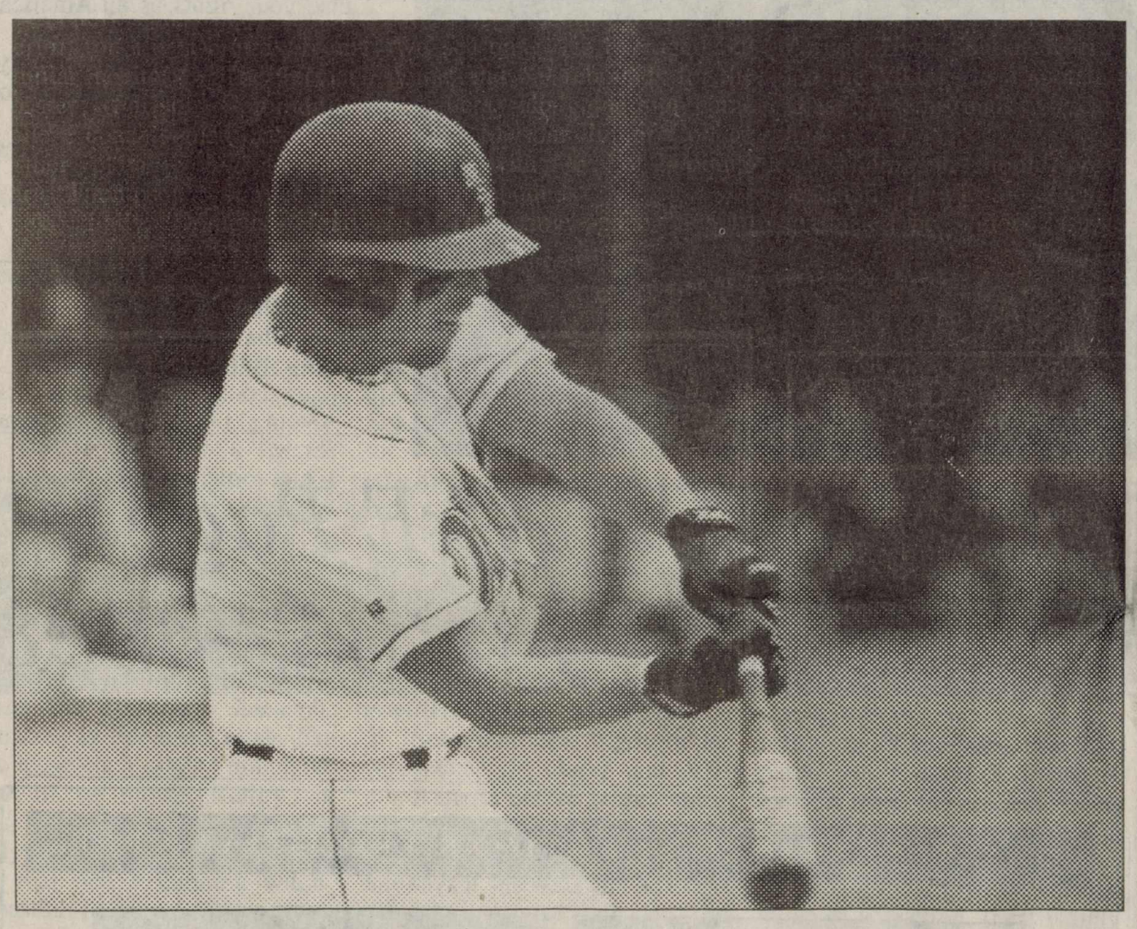
Steven Bell slapped a dinger over the wall in the ninth-inning to score three and bring the Demons within two, but it was not enough to win the game.

David Balcer (5-5) got the loss.

With this series, Trosclair has officially hit safely in nine straight games. He has also gotten 222 career hits to bring him within three hits of Terry Joseph's career record of 225 hits.

The wins in this series coupled with the sweep of Southwest Texas by Northeast Louisiana have allowed the Demons (26-15, 11-7) to reclaim sole possession of second place in the SLC.

The Demons will take to the field again today a 3:00 in Little Rock, Arkansas. They will remain on the road to play against NLU, LA Tech and Lamar before returning home to meet LA College in a single game on April 27.



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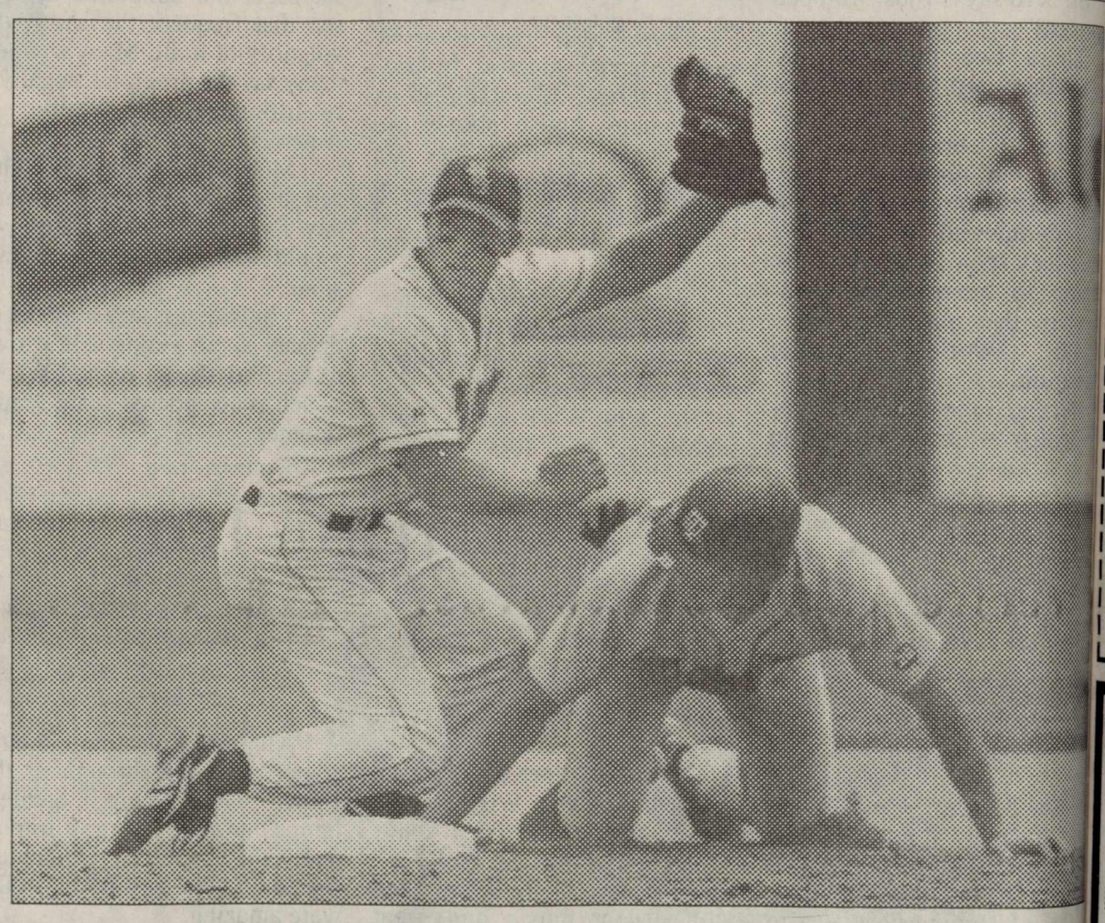
Tom Batson came up big time for the Demons on Saturday. Batson smoked the game-winning grand slam in the 8-4 win over UTSA.



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Ryan Anholt flashes the leather while trying to tag out a would-be basestealer. Anholt is one of the leading hitters on the Demon baseball team

Two new recruits to play basketball for NSU

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

The Demon Basketball team got a little deeper this past week, signing two new recruits for the 1999-2000 basketball season.

New Head Coach Mike McConathy signed his first new recruit for the Demons from familiar territory. The former Bossier Parish Community College coach signed one of his former players, 6-7 forward Chris Thompson. Earlier last week, Lady Demons Head Coach James Smith signed 5-3 point guard Laterrica Dobin, a senior from Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport.

Thompson played two seasons with McConathy at BPCC. Thompson was instrumental in helping BPCC post a 53-8 record over the past two seasons. He averaged 8.9 points and 6.9 rebounds for the Cavaliers. His game high came against Meridan Junior College last year with a total of 24 points and ten rebounds.

"That came against a 6-10 center who is going to play at Missouri," said McConathy on Johnson's effort in that game. "Chris is a very agressive player with a lot of energy. He can guard a 6-9 guy or a 6-2 guard. If we're facing a great scorer, he can shut that guy down."

Thompson graduated from Airline High School where he led the Vikings to a spot in the Class 5A semi-finals two seasons ago.

Thompson should provide leadership to a Demon team that graduated no seniors last year. Of the five starters last year, all are returning. And of the starters, two were sophomores (Josh Hancock and Allan Polk) and one was a freshman (Ryan Duplesis).

Laterrica Dobin brings the Lady Demons "penetration and the ability to create scoring opportunities," according to coach Smith. Dobin, a selection to the Class 1-3A All-District Team, helped to lead the Evangel Lady Eagles to the Class 3A tournament. She averaged 22 points and was second in the Class in scoring.

An even more phenomenal statistic about Dobin is that she led Class 3A in rebounds at 5 foot 3 inches. She averaged 6 rebounds per game in her only year playing basketball.

"She is a good ball handler who is very athletic and very strong," said Evangel Head Coach Dale Creamer. "She is a good student who is very, very excited about playing at Northwestern."

Coach Smith said a factor in signing her was the fact of her playing at Evangel. "It's exciting to add someone from that school because you know she will be well prepared academically and have some maturity as a college freshman."

Dobin will join the defending Southland Conference regular season champions who could return four starters and six letter winners.

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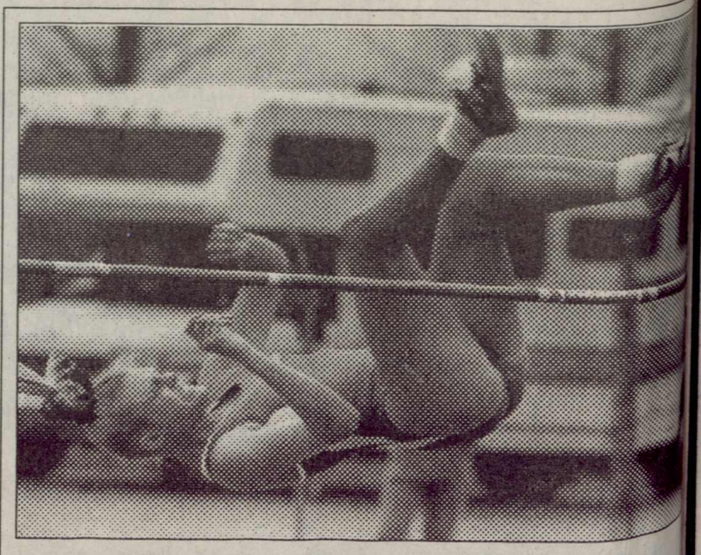

Christin Carter won the high jump event at last week's SFA Twilight Invitational Track and Field meet.

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Sports

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Demons overtake SLU in 3-game sweep

Demons take commanding lead in SLC after UTA wins against Texas-San Antonio

Kris Gollinsworth
Sports Editor

Sizzle and scorch.

This was not the weather condition yesterday, but how well the Northwestern State Demons did from the plate.

Northwestern State hammered six consecutive singles in the fourth to maul the Southeastern Lady Lions 9-4 in the nightcap and edge them 3-2 in the first game.

The Demons out-hit the Lady Lion 24-18 throughout the doubleheader.

Southeastern had the least until the top of the third when Demon center fielder Jada Garcia singled. Right fielder Linette Stuart followed with another single to center field. Then left fielder Erin Mancuso landed a double down the left field line, pushing Stuart and Garcia home and put NSU ahead 2-1.

The Demons pushed the advantage to 8-1 when designated player Brandy Kenney began the fourth with a single. Catcher Shannon Straty followed up with a single to center field and shortstop Christina Edgar loaded the bases with a single hugging the left field line.

Third baseman Kita Williams continued with a hanging single to left pushing pinch runner Brandi West home from third. First baseman Shante Jones squeezed a single into left center field bringing around Straty. Strickland then capped the streak with a single to right field, moving Edgar home.

Stuart then fired a double down the left field edge, scoring pinch runner April Cook and Williams. Stuart then ensured the lead by stealing third and reaching home on a mistake by the catcher.

Northwestern State received some padding in their first place spot with help from a split at UTA.

Second place Texas Arlington won the first game 6-4 against Texas-San Antonio, but dropped the nightcap to UTSA as they won 13-7.

Leggett (12-9) pitched a six-hitter against the Lady Lions in the first game, a team ranked 15th in the nation in batting average, posting a team average of .310.

"Cindy did a great job keeping the ball down against a dangerous team," Northwestern State head coach Gay McNutt said. "Offensively we were a little sluggish in the first game although we did get 10 hits. We put them together in the second game and pounded the ball."

Williams nailed two homers in while Kenney delivered a solo bomb to bump off SLU 6-5.

The win, along with a 16-6 win by UTA of Texas San-Antonio, moved the Demons to a four game lead in the loss column.

Northwestern State constructed a 6-1 lead and resisted a four-run rally. Southeastern hammered out two runs in the sixth and got a two-run homer by pitcher Dee Rancher. After a single by Katharine Watts, Leggett (13-9) got Heather Heimbach to ground out to Williams at third base.

Williams cracked a single to give herself a perfect 3-3 outing at the plate.

The Demons (24-18 overall, 14-3 in the SLC) head to Huntsville, Tex. to take on the Sam Houston State Lady Kats and return home this weekend to do battle with conference rival Stephen F. Austin at 1 p.m.

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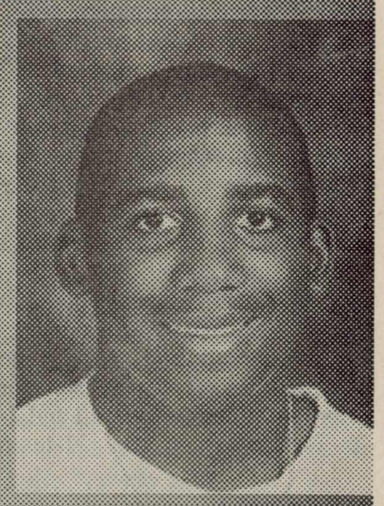

By Rondray Hill

1 On 1 with head coach Mike McConathy

Mike McConathy's office has the look of a new head coach's office. The bookshelves have no pictures, no trophies, nothing.

In fact, the only basketball picture anywhere near the basketball office is outside the door. A picture of the 1948-49 Demon basketball team hangs outside the door to the basketball offices. A team which features three members with the name "McConathy"; George, Leslie and Johnny. It's the first picture that meets Mike every morning in Prather Coliseum.

And it's a legacy that will have a new chapter added to it.

Mike McConathy took the reins of the Demon basketball program on March 24. In his first few weeks, the busy season of recruiting and signing new players takes priority. In fact, he spends a lot of his day answering phone calls.

And his goals are clear; return the Demons to glory and win.

"We're going to try to put an exciting product on the floor," said McConathy. "We definetly have the talent to win ball games next year."

The Demons are, indeed, very deep in talent. Last year's team had no graduating seniors, and of the five starters, two were sophomores (Josh Hancock and Allan Polk) and one was a freshman (Ryan Duplesis).

"I've gotten a chance to talk with some of the players, and many of them feel comfortable with the way I coach and the style I run."

McConathy says he will implement a more "fast paced" offense, running the ball more and outrunning the opposition.

"You know, you will always have to play half-court defense, but when you play a faster offense you can get a lot more points in transition," said McConathy. "As of now, we don't really have a dominant guy on the inside, so we'll try to play a more up-tempo game."

McConathy is a far cry from former head coach J.D. Barnett, who liked to play a more conserve half court game. A more accurate comparison between McConathy's "up-tempo" style and Barnett's "half court" style would be like watching a football game between high-scoring Tulane and smashmouth-style Nebraska-- lots of scoring by Tulane but more aggression and toughness by Nebraska.

"Coaches like to coach to their personality. Barnett's style was to slow the game down. The way I play is how I've coached in the past and has been what's worked for me."

It definetly has worked for McConathy. His teams at Bossier Parish Community College have been nationally ranked in his 17 years of coaching there. He has compiled an astonishing 351-162 record there. He has also won the last 6 Miss-Lou conference titles and has taken his teams to Junior College tournaments.

"I think the thing about BPCC was that I was there for 17 years. We then began to win. And then, after that, it was expected for us to win. My first few years I would look at the schedule and say, 'I don't know if we can beat these teams'. After a while it came to the point where I would look at the schedule and say 'these teams may give us some trouble this year.'"

But what may be more impressive is the fact that he has built this dynasty with local talent.

"We have tremendous talent here in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. One of the reasons we won so many games is because local high school coaches would send really good players who maybe didn't want to go away for school. So they would send them to BPCC and that's one reason we got so good."

But many have questioned wether or not it's a good idea for a junior college coach to jump to Division One basketball.

It's a jump that McConathy is willing to face.

"I would say there are differences in the level of play. However, I think the biggest differences are off the court, because basketball is basketball. I remember the scene in the movie 'Hoosiers' where the coach measures the goal in the big stadium and it's still 10 feet like back home."

McConathy also feels its a privilege to coach at the school where his father, Johnny, made such a tremendous mark.

"It's very special for me to coach here. It was a dream of my dad to be a coach here, and now he gets to live that dream."

Male Athlete of the Week

Tom Batson
Baseball

The senior third baseman hit the game-winning grand slam in the first game of a doubleheader against UTSA. The bomb over left field gave the Demons an 8-4 win and gave everyone at the park a free pizza. The Demons increased their record to 26-15 overall and 11-7 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
Louisiana College
April 27@ 6:30 p.m.

Female Athlete of the Week

Kita Williams
Softball

The senior third baseman hit two home runs to aid the Demons in a 6-5 victory over Southeast Louisiana. Kita's first was a solo shot over the left field wall and her second was a two-run bomb over left-center field. The Demons improve to 24-18 overall and 14-3 in the SLC.

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First scrimmage brings surprises

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The Northwestern State Purple Swarm forced six turnovers and allowed only four touchdowns, one of which set up by a fumble recovery, Saturday morning in the Demons' first major intra-squad scrimmage of spring football practice.

The Demons had to replace young defense, bringing eight new faces to the Swarm. On the flip side, Northwestern returned eight starters to the record-shattering offense.

Veteran coach Sam Goodwin was very pleased with the defensive performance by the Purple Swarm and not disturbed with the offensive output during the 96-play controlled scrimmage open to the public at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons will hold another scrimmage next Saturday, then wrap up spring practice with the 10th Annual Joe Delaney Bowl intra-squad game April 24 at 6 p.m.

"I'm very encouraged from a defensive standpoint. I know we're going to be good offensively, no doubt about it," said Goodwin, "and right now, we're ahead of where I hoped we would be defensively. We came up with turnovers and forced a lot of punts."

All-American senior defensive back Mike Green had a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown wiped out by a clipping penalty behind the play. Sophomore cornerback Rondale Durio made two interceptions while sophomore safety Jerry King had one. Sophomore defensive linemen Chris Jones and Trent Harrell each made fumble recoveries, with Harrell setting up a touchdown with an 18-yard return to the 15.

Senior quarterback Brad Spangler, was sharp in limited duty, completing 7 of 10 for 120 yards including a 24-yard touchdown to senior tight end Jeremy McCullough. The Demons also got a 20-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Aubrey Jones to freshman receiver Bradley Farmer, an 11-yard TD throw from freshman quarterback Roland Leone to junior Terrance Vinson and a 1-yard bootleg on fourth-and-goal for a TD by Jones.

In the battle to earn the backup job behind Spangler, senior Bo Meeks was 4 of 11 for 33 yards with an interception while Jones hit 5 of 10 for 81 yards and the touchdown but suffered three interceptions. His touchdown pass to Farmer was followed by back-to-back interceptions on the final two plays of the scrimmage.

Redshirt freshman Travis Fleming had three incompletions before spraining an ankle at the end of a 56-yard run to the 8-yard line, setting up the first touchdown, the 1-yard run by Jones.

Redshirt freshman tailback Troy Sumrall was the leading rusher among the running backs with 45 yards on 9 carries. Sophomore Tony Taylor, a first-team All-Southland Football League pick last year, was limited to 9 yards on 7 carries.

The Demons, 11-3 last season, return 40 lettermen including 11 starters from a team that won a second straight conference title, reached the Division I-AA playoff semifinals and finished the season ranked No. 3 nationally.

Demon tennis falls late to Lamar

Sports Information

Lamar won a pair of 9-7 decisions in the No. 2 and 3 doubles matches Sunday to rally past Northwestern State 5-4 in a winner-take-all match for the final spot in this week's Southland Conference Women's Tennis Tournament.

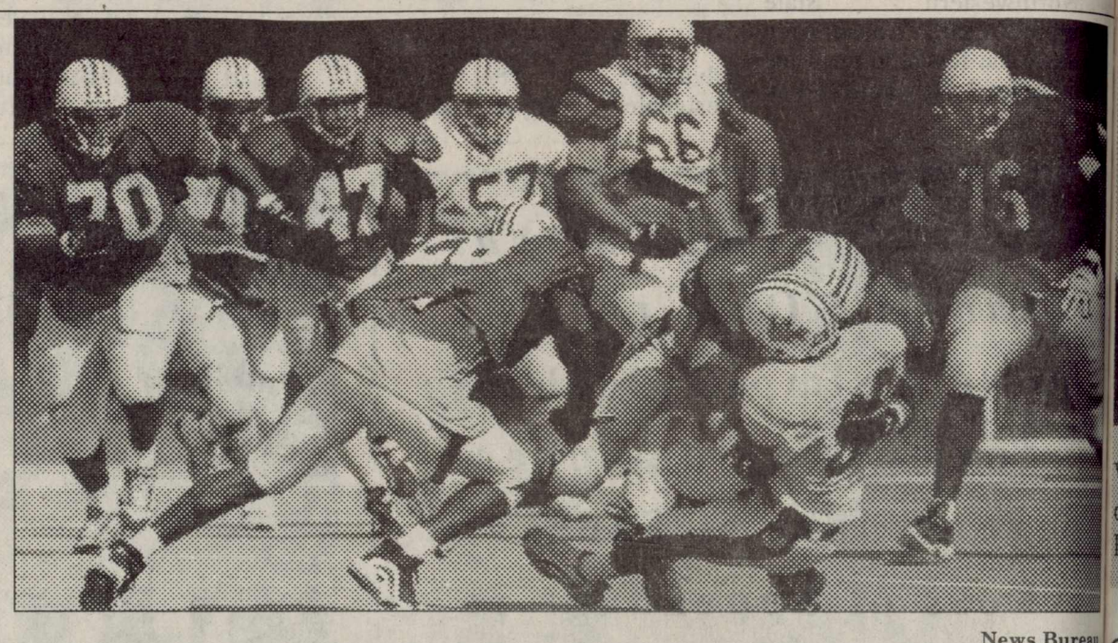
The victory locked up sixth place in the league for Lamar, 10-14 overall and 6-4 in the SLC. It ended the season for Northwestern, 6-8 overall and 4-6 (seventh) in the 11-team conference.

The teams split the six singles matches and the Lady Demons took the upper hand with an 8-1 decision in the No. 1 doubles by Marta Zivanov and Brandee LaSuzzo, who defeated Caroline Milns and Alta Wentzel. But Karis Wadson and Alana Fenner took the No. 2 match 9-7 for Lamar over Brandi Mathews and Merlin Prezens of NSU, and the Lamar tandem of Kim Grimes and Stephanie Greenwood prevailed 9-7 in the No. 3 doubles over Natalie Unger and Liza Mulholland.

Prezens was a 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 winner in the No. 3 singles for Northwestern over Wadson. Unger breezed 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4 over Fenner, and LaSuzzo beat Grimes 6-2, 6-4 at No. 5 to account for the singles victories by Northwestern.

Lamar scored a key win in the No. 1 singles when Milns came back for a 7-6, 0-6, 7-5 triumph over Zivanov.

The match was played at a neutral site after a March 28 rainout at Lamar.



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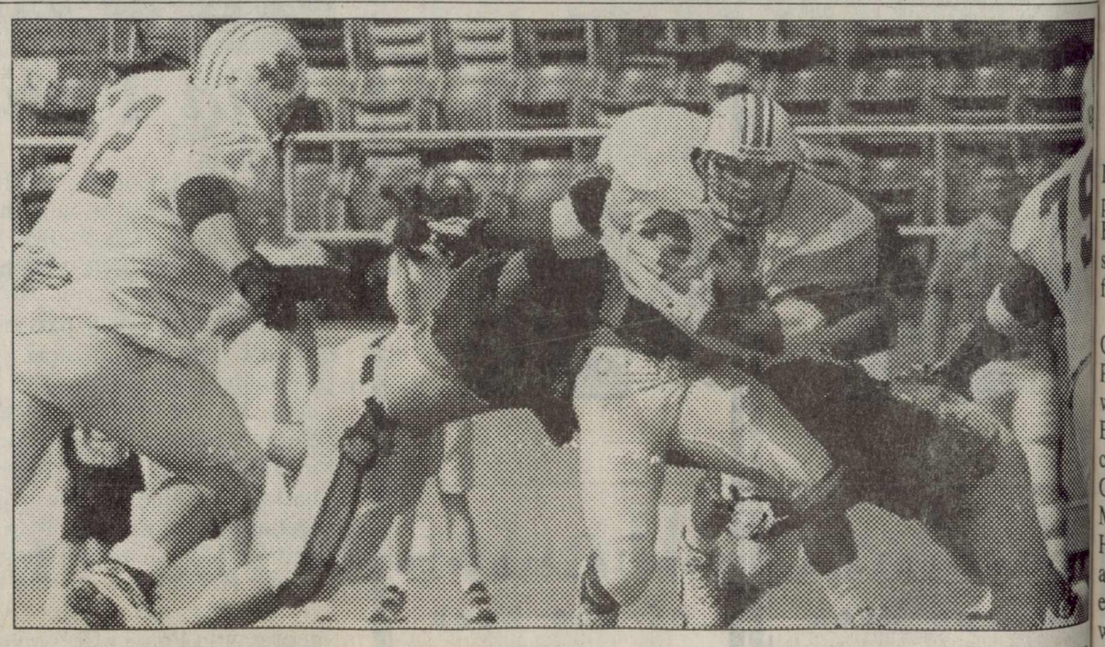
The Swarm dishes out some friendly fire in the first preseason scrimmage last weekend.



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Tony Taylor finds a hole and searches for daylight. Taylor is looking for the starting job next year at tailback.

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Track teams run to victories at SFA

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

Regina Roe upped her school record and northwestern State continued to excel at the Stephen F. Austin Twilight invitational track and field meet last weekend.

Roe, who owned the school record of 155 feet 5 inches in the javelin, extended it by a half a foot to 155 feet 11 inches to win the javelin. The win highlighted six NSU victories. Dasha Thompson took both the 100 and 200 meter races. The Lady Demons collected 143 points, which was 10 points better than host SFA.

The men finished in third with 81 points. Felipe Apablaza won the triple jump competition for the men, jumping to a length of 49 feet 4 1/2 inches. He also finished second in the high jump with a jump of 6 foot 9 3/4 inches. The Demons won both javelin events as Latrell Fredrick won the men's competition with a throw of 194 feet.

Tiffany Cronin once again won the triple jump with a height of 40 feet 2 1/4 inches. Other Lady Demon winners were Tabitha Johnnigan, whose shot put throw of 46-4 was good enough for the win. Jody Gowdy won the 5000 in 19:00.14. The Demons also placed second in four other events with Molly Wingard taking second in the 3000 with a time of 11:20.87, Shakerah Kyles in the 400 (55.79) and Christin Carter in the high jump (5-5). The women's 4x400 meter team relay team came in at 3:46.30, which was the second fastest time of any Southland Conference team.

Chad Miller placed fifth in the 100 and fourth in the 2[illegible] meter sprints. His time of 21.[illegible] in 200 was a personal and [illegible] third fastest time in [illegible] conference this year. He finish[illegible] the 200 in 10.53.

The Lady Demon 4x[illegible] meter team did not compete [illegible] meet. They posted the fast[illegible] women's time in confere[illegible] history last week at the Te[illegible] relays. They ran it in a time [illegible] 45.29.

The Demons have one mo[illegible] stop before heading back [illegible] NSU. The Demons and La[illegible] Demons will compete in Ba[illegible] Rouge at the LSU Invitation[illegible] this weekend. The NS[illegible] Inyitational is in two weeks [illegible] April 24.

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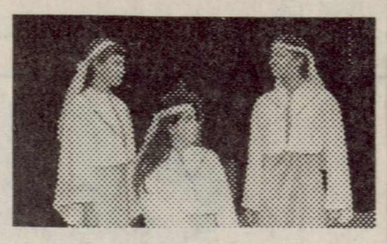

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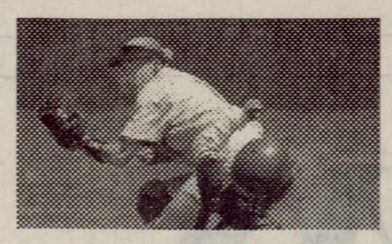

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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Virginia Dixon gets her blood pressure checked at Prather Coliseum Thursday during Healthfest '99, the largest health promotion in the Natchitoches area. Hundreds of people spent the day learning new ways to get healthy.

Students learn ways to get healthy

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Through Healthfest '99', students discovered many new reasons to become healthier last week. Healthfest was held at Prather Coliseum last Thursday to promote healthier lifestyles.

The Health and Human Performance department together with Natchitoches Parish Hospital coordinated the event. Over 70 exhibits were scattered around Prather Coliseum. The Healthfest also featured many different health screenings including blood pressure, vision, pulmonary and glucose tests. The Philadelphia Center also offered free HIV testing.

"Everybody loves the screenings," Pam Gouner, coordinator of the event, said. "Everybody wants to get their vision checked and their blood checked because it is a free affair."

Dr. Cheryl Stoker, optometrist, was one of the many exhibitors offering free screenings.

"The screenings are important to let people know if they have an eye problem or if they may need an eye exam," she said. "These screenings are a good place to start."

The purpose of the healthfest is to allow participants to look at factors that affect health.

"It's important for college students to understand early that what they do now affects their life as they get older," Gouner said.

The screenings gave many students their first look at possible dangers in their lifestyle.

"I don't want something like a stroke just popping up on me," junior theater major, Tim Long said. "I can just imagine going to the doctor one day and the next thing I know is that I have a high risk for a stroke. If I can find out and do something about it now, it's always a good thing." Long was tested for possible factors that may lead to a stroke.

The results of the screenings at Healthfest even influenced some students to make immediate changes in their lifestyles.

Freshman business major, Catrina Wallace, decided to get her lungs screened. Wallace was concerned the results would reveal dangers in her lungs because she has been smoking cigarettes for four years. She said she smokes about a pack and a half every day.

"I think a lot of people need to take this test because it is really scary," she said. "I definitely want to quit smoking after taking this test."

Gouner said the Healthfest is an on and off event held at many different places over the years. The organizers decided to hold it at Prather Coliseum, rather than the P.E. Majors building because of its size.

"This year we grew," Gouner said. "We had lots and lots of confirmations and we outgrew the building.We decided midway through the planning process to transfer the Healthfest to Prather."

Prather Coliseum is the largest building in town and is easily accessible to the community, Gouner said.

She felt the Healthfest is a success because both students and the community seem to enjoy it every year.

"This health fair has enjoyed a great reputation for years," Gouner said. "It's always a good thing to come to."

SGA presidents express interests to legislators and governors

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

SGA President Luke Dowden and fellow SGA presidents of Louisiana were in Baton Rouge last Tuesday to support Mike Foster's budget for higher education.

Dowden, Chairman of the Council of Student Body Presidents of Louisiana, met with Senate President Randy Ewing, Sen. John Hainkel, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Rep. Charles McDonald, chairman of the House Education Committee to ask for their support in Foster's education budget. The budget would allow our University to receive more money in the supplement areas until the funding formula for every university reaches 100 percent.

Highlights of the Governor's Executive Budget Recommendations for Higher Education include: $11 million for general operating purposes, $16 million for faculty salary increases, $3.6 million for the annualization of the "professional development salary schedule" for technical college unclassified personnel, $5 million for an "economic development and strategic faculty initiatives" fund, continuation of the $15 million for enhancement of library and scientific equipment and $4.5 million for equipment for technical colleges, $5 million for endowed chairs and professorships; continuation of the Distance Learning Initiative at a level of $1.5 million, continuation of the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at a level of $1 million, and $616,500 enhancement of the Louisiana Library Network operations and enhancement of emerging community college operations pool.

Dowden also spoke against tuition waver bills and House Bill 642, which limits expenditures on the technology fee.

"I think that being more proactive in what's going on in the legislature is important to the whole student movement because we're working through the Louisiana Board of Regents and with state legislatures to ensure that the students' voices are heard," Dowden said. "The voice is clear-- we are underfunded."

In taking a proactive stance in advocating legislative support for higher education, each university in the three Louisiana systems represented by the Council of Student Body Presidents celebrated "Campus Communities United for Higher Education Week" from March 8 through March 12.

Each university's tentative schedule of events for the week included a statewide SGA voter registration drive on March 9 and a SGA "In Your Face" day on March 10.

In addition to those listed above, separate activities scheduled at our University consisted of a student forum held on March 8 and a scantron give away on March 11.

"I think that the major accomplishment statewide during this year is that the Board of Education and state and Senate legislatures realized that student body leaders are serious about allowing the students a voice in post secondary education issues," Dowden said.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Red Elvises performed for students Friday outside the Student Union during a crawfish boil sponsored by the Student Activities Board as part of Spring Fling.

Disabled students to take part in a 'very special' day

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Disabled students will be treated to a day of entertainment Friday thanks to a "very special" program.

This year's Very Special Arts Festival will be held this Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the University's Prather Coliseum.

"Very Special Arts is an international organization dedicated to establishing avenues through which students with disabilities can enter the mainstream of society through programs in the arts," said Marie Gahagan, Very Special Arts Festival Regional Coordinator.

It was founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and it seeks to promote worldwide awareness of the educational and cultural benefits of the arts for all people.

The Very Special Arts Festival is a celebration of the skills and abilities of exceptional children of all ages and is not a competition. It has been going on for 20 years.

"It started as a catapult for Special Olympics, but it is also for the gifted, speech and any student receiving any Special Education service in the parishes," said Gahagan.

The festival is sponsored by the University's Creative and Performing Arts, Bill Brent and the State Department of Education, the Office of Special Education Services. About 600-800 students will participate and have projects.

There will be door prizes from the Cotton Patch and Shipley's Donuts. Students sign their names when they come in. There will be pre-festival entertainment from the Demon Dazzlers, the Provencal Community Danceline and the Middle Lab Orchestra as well as face painting.

For more information on the festival contact Gahagan at Parks Elementary School, Special Education Department at 357-0292.

New elevators to be placed on campus

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

In a recent issue of *The Current Sauce*, a student questioned the University's policy toward students with disabilities.

James Carey, a student who has trouble managing the stairs in the Student Union, pointed out how the offices found on the third floor of the Student Union offer many programs that all students benefit from.

Carey felt the University was not trying to fulfill the needs of students with disabilities by not providing an elevator to allow them access to all University programs.

It has been thought by many students that a lack of funds is responsible for the long wait in getting the elevator.

The funding, however, is available for two new elevators to be constructed on campus. One of those elevators will be built in Roy Hall, while the other one will be put in the Student Union.

The Roy Hall elevator will be the first one to be constructed, said Loran Lindsay, director of the Physical Plant.

"The Roy Hall elevator is funded and finished with the design process," he said. "We are waiting for the bid phase."

Lindsay hopes to see the elevator built in the near future.

The Student Union elevator, however, has suffered set backs.

W.K. Norman, coordinator of facilities at the Physical Plant, said the elevator would be much further along, but the foundation in the Union is substandard for elevator construction.

The elevator has been funded and is in the design phase.

The structural flaws in the Union have opened the floor to new possibilities in the construction of the elevator. One of the possibilities is a chair lift from the first level to the second level with an elevator from the second to the third level.

Sauce reporter highlights one speaker from Research Day

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

Northwestern State University held Research Day on April 14.

Among the variety of speakers, Karen M. McFerrin's presentation was entitled "Incidental Learning in a Higher Education Asynchronous On-line Distance Education Course." McFerrin shared her results from her study on the on-line distance education course on Wednesday.

McFerrin said the students learned various decision making processes, time management skills, responsibility and self confidence.

The significance of the study showed the value of incidental learning and how the development of appropriate courses foster the growth of positive and desirable incidental learning.

"Perhaps the availability of on-line courses for educators may be a way to keep efficient in learning for all students," said McFerrin.

McFerrin feels that she as well as the students can benefit from her study.

"I can take parts of what I've done to come up with some courses to help students," said McFerrin.

For more information about the on-line distance education courses, contact McFerrin at mcferrin@alpha.nsula.edu.

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Briefs

Criminal Justice career day set

The University's Department of Social Sciences will sponsor the second annual Criminal Justice Career Day April 23 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Friedman Student Union.

Thirty-one federal, state and local agencies will attend the career day, which is held in conjunction with Northeast Louisiana University, Southern University and Southern University at New Orleans.

Agencies from Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Missouri and Kansas are scheduled to participate.

The event is open to all students, not just criminal justice majors.

Available positions will include police officers, corrections officer, fire investigator, wildlife agent, private security, highway patrol officer, probation and parole officer, dispatcher and clerical positions.

For more information, call 357-5499 or 357-6195.

University offers PC classes

The Alexandria campus has announced the start date for the next "Especially for Senior Citizens -- A Beginners Introduction to Home Computers" on Monday.

This will be the fourth introductory course offered by the University's Continuing Education at England Air Park, Building 1901. Classes will be conducted from 1-3 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays for a three-week period.

Classes are designed for seniors that have had no experience with home PCs. Class meetings will be in the NSU Computer Lab at the University Center which is a Windows-based, Internet-accessible environment.

The cost is $60 and includes all handouts and instructional material. Registration will be the first day of class at the University's Coordinator's Office on the first floor of the University Center. For more information, call NSU, CENLA, (318) 487-0126 or (318) 487-5098.

Department gets grant for program

The Department of Social Work has received a contract worth $488,127 from the Louisiana Department of Social Services to continue its undergraduate social work training in child welfare.

Under the contract, the University will provide training to help prepare students to work in child welfare agencies in parishes within the Alexandria and Shreveport regions.

Senior social work majors who take four additional social work courses in child welfare are eligible to apply for a stipend which is funded under the contract. Seven students will be selected.

The student will spend a minimum of 432 hours in a parish Office of Community Services for a senior level internship. In return, the student is obligated to work for the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, for one year.

NSU has worked with the Office of Community Services on similar contracts since 1994.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Melinda Johnson, news anchor at KALB in Alexandria, spoke to the cast of "News 22" Saturday during Networking to Succeed, sponsored by the University's Department of Journalism.

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

While the rest of NSU was sleeping Saturday, members of "News 22" were busy impressing broadcast professionals from around the area with their abilities during the second annual Networking to Succeed.

The day started with the cast of "News 22" doing a newscast for broadcasters from KTBS, KALB, KNTS and KLAX. The newscast was then critiqued by the professionals.

Those in attendance listened to Karl Cole, the promotions director at KTBS, who spoke about his 16-year career in television.

The group was then broken into groups of five and taken from one professional to another so students could personally inquire about each aspect of the journalism field.

Kevin Brandmuyer, who is a sportscaster for KLAX, talked about his experiences covering sports for the Alexandria television station.

Kim Gaubert, producer of KALB's morning show "Jambalaya," talked about tips on how to prepare to be a producer for a television station.

Her co-worker, Melinda Johnson, a NSU graduate, spoke to students about her experiences as an anchor woman and what it's like to report the news.

Adarriel Pegues, senior videographer for KNTS and also a NSU graduate, explained what television stations are looking for in employees.

Finally, Cole and Chandra George, assistant promotions director at KTBS, talked about how to prepare a "killer" resume tape.

Sherlynn Byrd, assistant professor of journalism and director of "News 22," coordinated Saturday's event.

"It went well," Byrd said of the event. "Students learned a lot from the professionals.

Byrd hopes the program will encourage students to grow and get mentors in the business.

Dr. Ron McBride, head of the Department of Journalism, said the purpose of the program is to allow students to learn about hours, pay, availability of positions and how to prepare for what lies ahead.

"The best thing that students can do while they're learning is to match up with professionals in the field," he said.

Campus Connections

Scholarship Office: Funding for TOPS will be delayed until further notice because of programming upgrades at the main LOSFA office. The estimated date of funding is the end of April. For more information, call the Scholarship Office at 357-4357.

IEEE: Members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering are selling raffle tickets for a CD car sound system from Top Dog Audio. Tickets are $1 a piece and can be purchased from IEEE members or Tom Hall, IEEE advisor, in room 218 of Williamson Hall. Top Dog Audio is located next to Heilig Myers on La. Hwy. 1 South. The drawing will be held the last day of finals, May 8. Need not be present to win.

Phi Beta Lambda: Members of Phi Beta Lambda have joined efforts with the March of Dimes to raise money at the 1999 Natchitoches WalkAmerica on April 24. Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised goes directly into research, education and programs in your own community and all across the country to help build a brighter future. To find out more information on how an organization can participate in this year's walk, have a representative contact Dr. Walter Creighton at 357-5704 or any Phi Beta Lambda member.

Recreation Complex: The Recreation Complex will open Thursday. Hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays- Fridays; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Financial Aid: A student workshop will be held April 21 in the President's Room of the Student Union at 6 p.m. The workshop will be beneficial in the application process for financial aid and provide information concerning Satisfactory Academic Progress. Door prizes will be given away. Students seeking assistance in completing the free application for Federal Student Aid will need to bring copies of the 1998 Federal Tax Return (1040) and W-2 forms for themselves and parents.

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Sigma Tau Delta: The pinning ceremony will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Cane River room of the Student Union. Members should come dressed in business like attire. The meeting time and place will be announced. Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to Gail Henderson in the English Department or Lesa Thompson in Journalism.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

Positions for reporters next semester will be available soon. If interested, contact *The Current Sauce* on the second floor of Kyser Hall or Call 357-5384.

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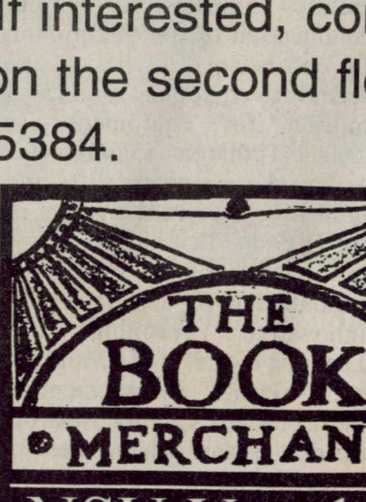

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Opinions

Give me a break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

As a person who has lived on-campus for all of my many years at this blessed institution, I am often unaware of what is involved in moving off-campus. One of my friends enlightened me on the subject, and I must say, now I am not sure if this is a college or a really big day care center.

My friend described the hideous process of convincing the University that she is fit to live off-campus. Apparently, there are a number of characteristics a person must meet before they are allowed to move off-campus that are similar to the requirements for joining the Navy Seals.

According to this person, a student who wants to live off-campus must either be married, a military veteran, 21 years- old, a senior, have a medical problem or financial difficulty. So basically, if you're forty, have been in Vietnam and were injured, and are now scrounging for money, you're the opportune person for living off-campus. Sorry to sound so crass, but come on guys.

How often are students told, "You're an adult now, so you have to act like one," when they enter college? It seems to me that part of being an adult is moving out on your own and taking responsibility in the form of paying bills and making your own meals - in short, actually being on your own.

However, the powers that be seem to disagree. They seem to think that being an adult entails more than the simple "18-years-old" definition of our state.

I understand that the University is merely trying to protect us, or so they claim, but, with the rates of dorm rooms steadily increasing, students might feel the need to seek better, cheaper housing. Perhaps if the University would make on-campus housing more affordable and more enjoyable, students would not have the urge to seek shelter elsewhere.

The campus according to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

Due to the absolute madness that comes with the end of the semester, I was not able to attend all of the presentations that I would have liked to attend during research day here on campus. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those who participated. I understand how much effort goes into these 15 minute presentations.

One of the reports that I missed was later described to me in detail, and, as is so often the case with this column, de la viva. I have found a way to conveniently connect it to some abstract concept in hopes that you, the faithful reader, will gain some insight, or at least use it to wrap your mother's day present.

One of the presentations given during research day focused on disassociation. Webster's defines this term as, "to detach from an association."

Throughout my studies during this crazy time of year, I was given some foresight pertaining to the broadest scope of this definition.

As I studied the female anatomy in preparation for an exam, I found it very hard to "associate" the material to anything that would cause it to register and stay in my memory banks...then in a flash, I remembered that I had just experienced something that summed it all up in one swoop...childbirth.

This association process is one that is crucial to a beneficial learning environment. To simply memorize concepts and definitions long enough to regurgitate them for a test, flush your memory banks and begin the process over again serves little purpose.

Furthermore, for someone to pay (both in time and money) as much as we do for an education in which the only thing learned is how to skate by, is nothing short of atrocious.

It is the responsibility of the student and the teacher to make college an integral and representative portion of life...a preparation for what is to come, not a four year sabbatical from the real world.

As we the students progress through the remainder of our collegiate tenure and on to career opportunities, we must realize that every moment is preparation for the next, and make good of this savoir-faire as oft as possible. Perhaps, it is even our job to remind the occasional professor of this mission, and offer our gratitude to those that are able to grasp the concept.

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by Wes Whipp

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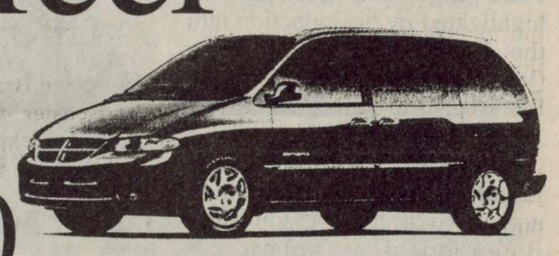
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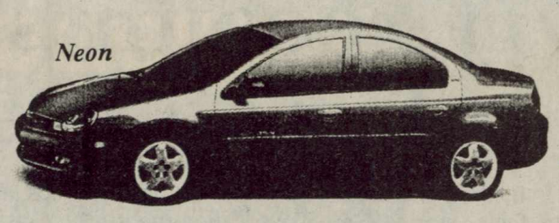
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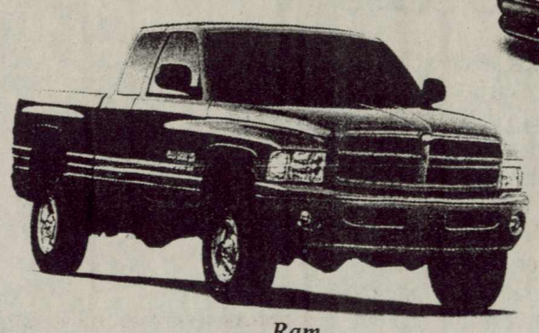
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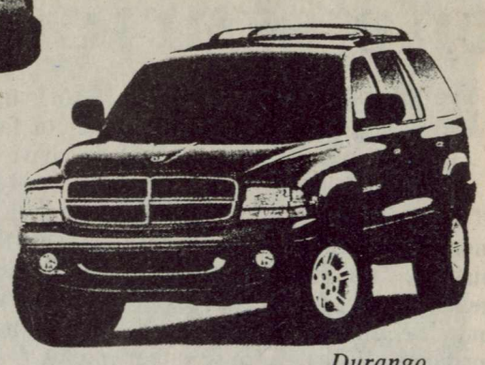
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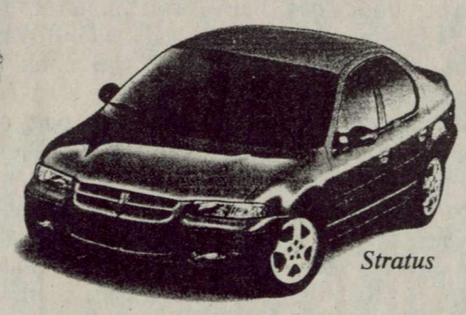
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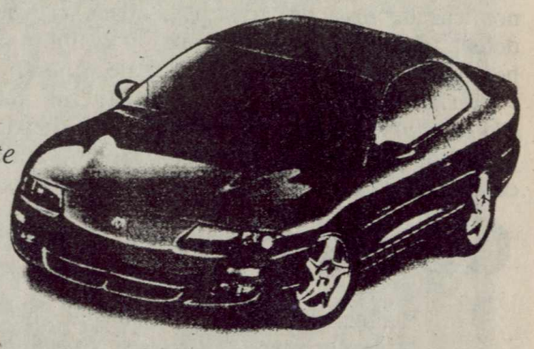
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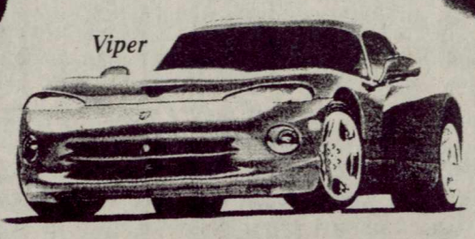
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The Winter's Tale starts Wednesday

The NSU Theatre Program will begin William Shakespeare's timeless classic *The Winter's Tale* this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The play will run from Wednesday to Sunday then pick up again the next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

After the success of *Dancing at Lughnasa* earlier this semester everyone in the program hopes to acheive the same success again with *Winter.*

The Shakespearean masterpiece revolves around a Sicilian king named Leontes and his jealousy over the attention that his wife, Hermione, gives visiting Bohemian King Polixenes. Convinced that his queen has committed adultery, Leontes imprisons her and in a fit of rage orders the unborn child in her womb to be abandoned the moment it is born. In the aftermath of this his wife dies in prison, his son dies of despair, and the king, dedicates himself to a life of mourning.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Beautiful young maidens huddle around Scott Burrell's character, Autolycus

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Left to right: Antigonus (Alex Peevy, Lodovico(Eric DeFratis) and Cleomenes (Guy

After all of this the play changes directions and becomes a heartwarming and joyous tale for the second act. It is now nearly two decades later and the setting has changed to Bohemia. It is found that the beautiful girl Perdita is the long lost daughter of Leontes. The son of Polixenes meets the girl and the two fall in love against the king's wishes. It is then when they flee to Sicily were Perdita's true identity is revealed and King Leontes, now a changed man, welcomes her back and is overjoyed to have his daughter after all the years.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The main conspirators: (left to right) Polixenes (Steven Cooper), Leontes (Guy Davis), Hermoine (Mel Ebeling), Paulina (Jennifer Steiner) and Camillo (Nate Engleman).

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Local group's newest album is worth a listen

Miranda L. Coon
Staff Reporter

The album is "I Ain't Got Nobody" by blues band B.B. Major. Image Helaire, Jr. (B.B. Major) is a Natchitoches native whose thirty year career as a blues singer and musician was highlighted by his induction into the Louisiana Hall of Fame (joining such legends as Jerry Lee Louis and James Burton) on April 11, 1999.

For his second album Helaire, who played lead guitar and lead vocalist was joined by Bud Albright on drums, Les Whit on the Hammond B-3 organ, and included two new band members Shane Ward on guitar, and Monty Lamaze on bass.

I won't pretend to know anything about the blues, but I visited the band's website (www.bbmajor.com) and they have lots of useful information on it. They have a tour schedule, sample songs, an order form so you can purchase either of their albums and even reviews of their first album.

"I Ain't Got Nobody" features ten songs and with the exception Helaire wrote all of them except for three and co-wrote one with the other band members. Also included is a remake of Otis Redding's "I got dreams to remember" .

Each of the original songs are upbeat and follow the traditional blues style and show Helaire's talent both as a vocalist and guitarist. Like I said, I don't know anything about the blues, but I enjoyed this album a lot.

Saturday, April 24, beginning at 9:30 pm, B.B. Major will be performing at Beaudion's so go by and check him out for yourself.

File Photo
Bud Albright, B.B. Major and Shane Ward record vocal for their newest album

Trust him on the sunscreen

Elona Boggs
Staff Reporter

You are not as fat as you imagine... Do one thing everyday that scares you... Sing... Don't be reckless with other people's hearts, don't put up with those who are reckless with yours...

Sound familiar? These are just a few lines of the new hit single, "Everyone's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)," more commonly known as the "Sunscreen Song." Early last month, radio stations across the nation debuted the song, and it has been gaining global popularity since. Lately, it seems you can not turn on the radio without hearing it.

The song's artist, Baz Luhrman, got the idea and the lyrics for the song from a newspaper column by Mary Schmich of the Chicago Tribune. Originally, it was published as a commencement piece simply entitled "Sunscreen". Luhrman added life to the words with his philosophical approach and wistful music.

Baz Luhrman is indeed a newcomer to music, but he's a seasoned pro in the film industry. He directed the modern version of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, which starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes. In addition, he has worked with films like *R & J* and *Strictly Ballroom.*

"Everyone's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)" is at times amusing. However, there is a striking truth to its words. Perhaps most amusing and truthful is the line: *Don't mess too much with your hair, or by the time you're 40, you'll look 85.*

Ultimately, the song is an inspiring, optimistic perspective on life. It speaks of the joys of youth and the importance of friends. It's a collaboration of endearing advice and if we could conceive it, our lives wouldn't be as complicated.

The Century recounts the stories of yesteryear

Elona Boggs
Staff Reporter

No one can deny that the 20th Century was one of the most extraordinary eras in our history. Within the past 100 years, there has been changes in our ideas, ethics, technology, and medicine. We have also seen the horrors of war, despair of economical depressions, triumphs, defeats, and countless acts of heroism.

In the new landmark book, *The Century*, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster, this unique century is described in accurate detail. It is an intricate collection of facts, stories, and ideas that have shaped our very existence. The book has been described as "... an epic journey through the last hundred years, whose heroes are our grandparents, our parents, ourselves."

Along with archival photography, *The Century* includes real first-person accounts. Perhaps the most interesting of all is an account of a WWI veteran entitled "Life in the trenches." Others include stories of "Growing up in the Jim Crow South," and "The Seventies: The Age Of Experimentation." In addition, the book encompasses monumental issues like Women's Lib, Civil Rights, the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, and the Gulf War.

The book records history from the start of the century to the later part of 1998. Even though its "textbook appearance" and thickness may seem intimidating, it's worth skimming through and reading. Its captivating photos and stories made me more appreciative and knowledgeable of my ancestors. After all, there is nothing more interesting than non-fiction.

Comedian performs at Vic's

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday, Comedian Hood made NSU students laugh as part of Spring Fling week sponsered by the Student Activities Board.

It has been a long time since I saw a comedian here at the University. I must say I think he was very good. But there was a small sour spot in that night. The show was misprinted. On the fliers, it said 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. So, at 7 I went only to find the ballroom empty. I was disappointed thinking maybe I'd gotten the wrong date or something since all it said on the flier was Tuesday. But I saw some people from SAB setting up in Vic's Cafe.

When I asked them if they were actually having something, they said the time got messed up and that Hood would be on at 9 p.m. I wasn't angry, but I was annoyed because there were some things I could've done that I put off because I thought I could do them after the comedian at a decent hour.

Although I was upset, I cheered up after I saw his act. I liked how he got the audience to participate in the beginning. He told us that he has this kind of contest to see who can tell the best or worst joke.

Several students were brave enough to come up to the spotlight and try their luck. I would've gotten up there cause I had a good joke, but I'm chicken sometimes so I didn't get up there. He seemed like he could relate to us very well and soon we were all cracking up at his stories. From what I remember of past comedians, I think this is the best one that SAB has ever gotten for us. Anyone that couldn't come back for the 9 p.m. show or those that decided to skip the show altogether missed out. For those people who missed the show, there is always next time.

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Cafe brings Beaudion's to Front Street

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

Along the well known bricks of Front Street, sits a cafe like no other in town.

Front Street Cafe has already established itself in Historic Natchitoches in its short business life. The cafe opened in October in the same spot where Cafe Caffe had previously been located.

Although Front Street Cafe replaces Cafe Caffe, many changes exist structurely to the cafe, and new ownership promises an alternative to the traditional cafe.

"We completely renovated the whole place," Peggy Beaudion, the owner of Front Street Cafe, said.

Along with the renovations, a kitchen was added to the rear of the cafe.

Front Street Cafe is a branch of Beaudion's Pizza Pub.

Currently, Front Street Cafe is only open during the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Beaudion points out, though, that hours will be extended in the near future.

"This place is doing really well for a new business," Beaudion said.

Many items found on the menu at Beaudion's Pizza Pub can also be found at Front Street Cafe. Beaudion's famous pizza will soon be added to the menu also.

The extensive menu includes italian specials, sandwhiches, hot sandwhiches, subs, clubs, fresh salads and deserts. Of course Front Street Cafe also features meat pies and Beaudion's famous bread sticks.

Beaudion describes the atmosphere of the cafe as "casual and friendly."

She welcomes all who come to the cafe go on back to the kithcen to talk to her as they enjoy all the food that the cafe has to offer.

"We emphasize food,"Beaudion said.

Although Front Street Cafe specializes in food, Beaudion indicates that the cafe will eventually serve more traditional cafe items, such as specialty coffees and teas.

The concept of the cafe originated from the Franco Fete theme. Beaudion is seeking to reconstruct a french setting in downtown Natchitoches by establishing an "upscale cafe."

"We chose the name 'cafe,' because it's tiny," Beaudion said.

Front Street Cafe combines the coziness of a cafe with the diverse menu of a restaurant.

Beaudion feels that Front Street Cafe is ideal for many. The cafe is an alternative to those looking fo a bite to eat because the cafe provides a non-drinking and non-smoking environment.

When business hours are extended, tables may be placed in front of the cafe for those who do wish to smoke.

Plans for the future of the cafe are already being looked into. Possibilities include a jukebox, live acoustic music, and poetry readings.

"We're here for the public. We're here to provide good food," Beaudion said.

Students are excited about the possibilities that the new cafe offers.

"After seeing their flyer, I'm looking forward to trying their food," Matthew Comeaux, a University student, said.

Other students applaud the expansion of Beaudion's Pizza Pub.

"I think that it's great that Mr. Jerry is expanding his business to become more visible on Front Street. I like the subs," Jason "Iggy" Ingargiola, another University student, said.

Beaudion's FRONT STREET CAFE

Student wins academic scholarship from fraternity

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

For Wes Whipp, fraternity membership definitely has its advantages.

Whipp, a newly initiated member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, was awarded a $500 academic scholarship last weekend at the fraternity's annual awards banquet.

The William V. Muse Academic Scholarship, which is distributed through the fraternity's headquater's, is awarded to a new member based on GPA and leadership.

The scholarship is named after a distinguished alumnus of the Northwestern chapter, Dr. William V. Muse. Muse is currently the president of Auburn University.

Wes Whipp, junior journalism major, is awarded the William V. Muse scholarship by Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Scholarship Chairman Dr. Mike Miguez. The scholarship is awarded to a new member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and is based on scholarship and leadership.

"I just worked hard as a new member, and my effort paid off," Whipp said.

The award is given annually and has steadily increased in size over time. This year's award is double that of last year's award.

"I plan to use the money to pay for summer school," Whipp continued.

Whipp, a junior journalism major, is also currently serving as historian for his chapter.

"It is a great honor, and the money is nice too," Whipp added.

Sports

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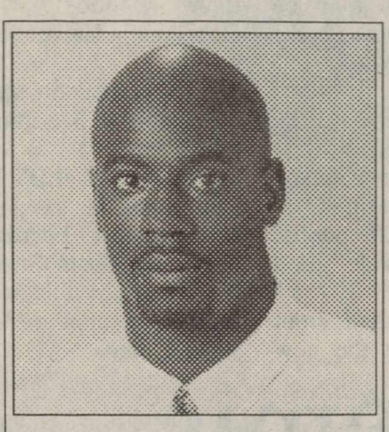
Three of four go in NFL Draft

Sports Information

With defensive stars Kenny Wright, Jermaine Jones and Robert Daniel selected Sunday in the NFL Draft, Northwestern State led all Louisiana schools and topped the 115 Division I-AA football programs by having three players picked in the two-day draft.



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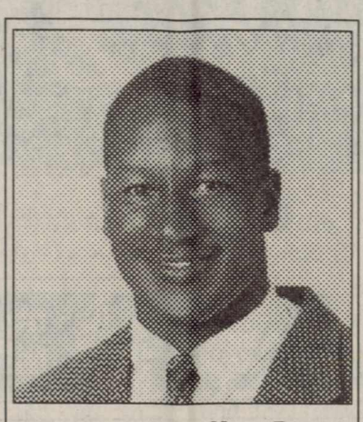
Robert Daniel

Northwestern and LSU each had three draft picks to top all Louisiana schools. Northeast Louisiana and McNeese State each had two players chosen. Louisiana Tech, USL and Tulane each had one draft pick.

Nationally, Northwestern State led all I-AA programs with three players selected. McNeese, Weber State, Eastern Kentucky and Richmond all had two players among the 26 players from I-AA selected.

Florida and Ohio State led all schools with eight players chosen in the draft.

With three players picked, Northwestern matched traditional major college powers such as Oklahoma, Colorado, BYU and UCLA, while topping schools such as Alabama (1), Iowa (2), Michigan State (2), Washington (2) and Arizona State (2).



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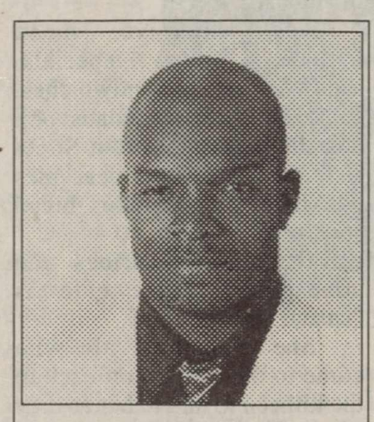
Kenny Wright

The Demons, 11-3 last season, won a second consecutive Southland Football League championship in 1998 and reached the semifinals of the I-AA national playoffs, finishing with a No. 3 national ranking.



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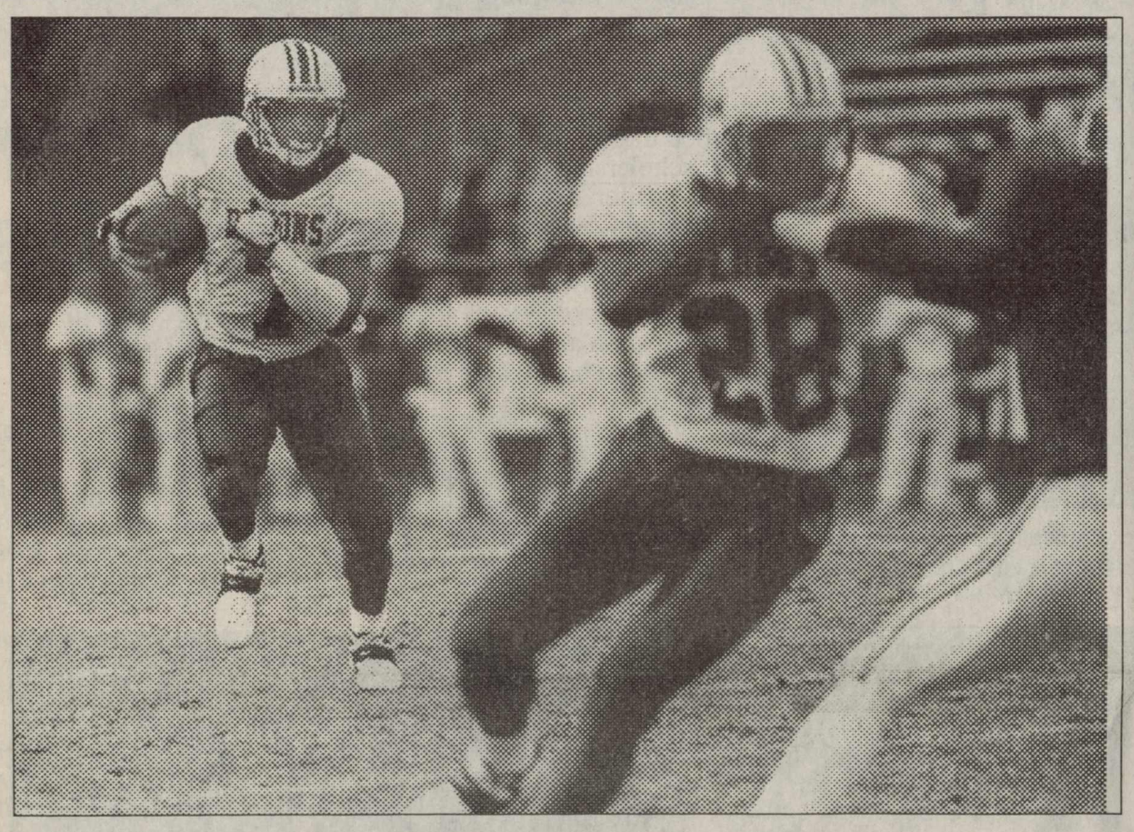
Jermaine Jones

Wright (6-2, 208), a Ruston native who played cornerback last season and safety in 1997, was the 120th player chosen, going in the fourth round to Minnesota.

Jones, a Morgan City-Central Catholic product who was a consensus All-America cornerback last fall and the Louisiana Defensive Player of the Year, was the 162nd pick, chosen by the New York Jets in the fifth round.

Daniel (6-6, 273), an All-American defensive end from Dallas-Spruce, was picked by Carolina in the sixth round as the 175th overall selection.



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Corner back Jermaine Jones went in the fifth round of the NFL Draft to the New York Jets.

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Adam Stout helped lead the Demons to two wins over NLU. Stout pulled off an Ironman performance Saturday, pitching all 12 innings in the 5-3 win

Demons take two from NLU

Rondray Hill
Staff Reporter

2 out of 3 ain't bad.

In fact, 2 out of 3 is just what the doctor ordered for the Northwestern Demon Baseball team. Especially when those 2 wins came against Southland conference leaders Northeast in a 3 game set held last weekend in Monroe.

The wins now put the Demons (29-16, 13-8 in SLC) 1 1/2 games behind the league leading Indians (25-16, 14-6 in SLC) with 6 conference games remaining.

"People ask me all the time what makes a great competitor," said head coach Jim Cohen. "That's a tough question to answer, but what I do know is that we have 25 outstanding competitors on our team. I've played on teams that have won 50 games in one season that didn't even come close to the effort these guys give day in and day out."

The weekend set for the Demons didn't start off on the right foot, however. A chilly Friday night seemed too cool of the Demon bats as well in the 9-3 loss. NLU pitcher Ben Sheets struck out 13 batters and went the distance, allowing 3 runs on 6 hits in a performance that was less than what the numbers indicate. Sheets struggled with accuracy and was wild at times, but managed to get out of trouble.

"Against a pitcher like Sheets, you have to have some of those hard hit balls to fall for you, and for us, they just weren't falling," said coach Cohen.

Matt Stovall picked up the loss to drop him to 1-2 overall.

The second game of the series definitely saw the most excitement of the three games and probably the most gutsy performance by one pitcher in a baseball game. The Demons pulled out a tough 12 inning victory 5-3. The Demons took the lead in the 12th when Steven Bell connected for his 6th home run of the season, a two run shot, to put the Demons ahead for good 4-2. After an RBI single by Josh Hoffpauir, the Demons scored their last run to push the lead to 5-2.

In NLU's half of the 12th, the Indians threatened, scoring a quick run to inch to within 2. The Indians also had two men on with only one out. But left hander Adam Stout, who pitched the entire 12 innings, got pinch hitter Corey Artieta to ground out into the game ending double play.

Stout, who unnofficialy threw 189 pitches in the 12 inning affair, only gave up 1 earned run and struck out 5.

"This was a team win," said Stout after the game. "We had to step up after the last game and we did."

Brent Trosclair's double in the 12th inning gave him 226 career hits, which broke the school record of 225 set by Terry Joseph in 1995. The conference record is 242, set by Jerald Clark in 1985. However, Trosclair would have his 12 game hitting streak snapped in the next game.

The Demons rode the wave of momentum in the third game, jumping all over the Indian pitchers in the 7-4 win. The Demons, who trailed 2-0 in the top of the fourth, took a three run lead in that inning, highlighted by Chris Cox's stand up double. The Demons would then add 4 more in the next three innings, giving Corey Artieta his 6th loss of the season.

David Balcer increased his record to 6-5 on the year and Adrian Luna picked up his first save.

"Our guys just made the big plays today," said Cohen. "It's refreshing because a lot of times this season, we've been on the other end of those plays."

Coupled with the 25-7 pounding McNeese gave Southwest Texas, the Demons now take a share of second place in conference and are 1.5 games back of Northeast. The Demons return to conference play on the road against Lamar after a quick stop in Ruston to face Louisiana Tech. The Demons will then come home to face Louisiana College April 27. After a road game with Cetenary, the Demons will close the regular season at home against SLU.

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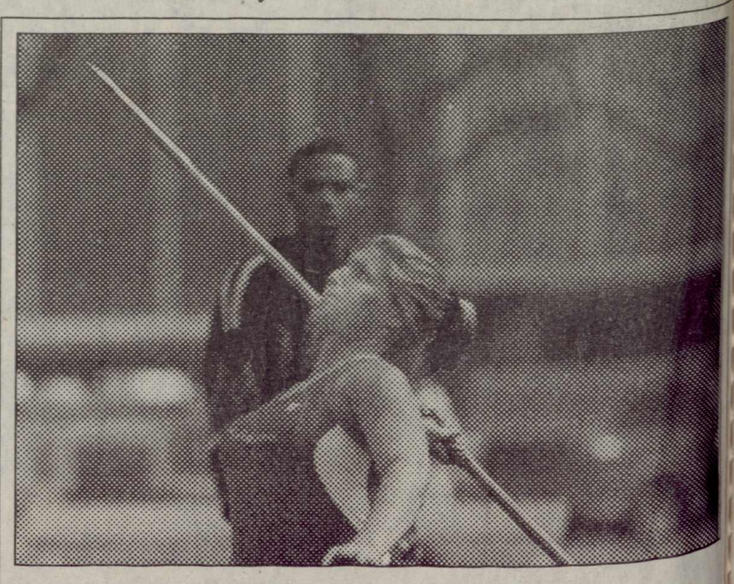

Regina Roe added another javelin win to her record. She won the event at the LSU Invitational meet

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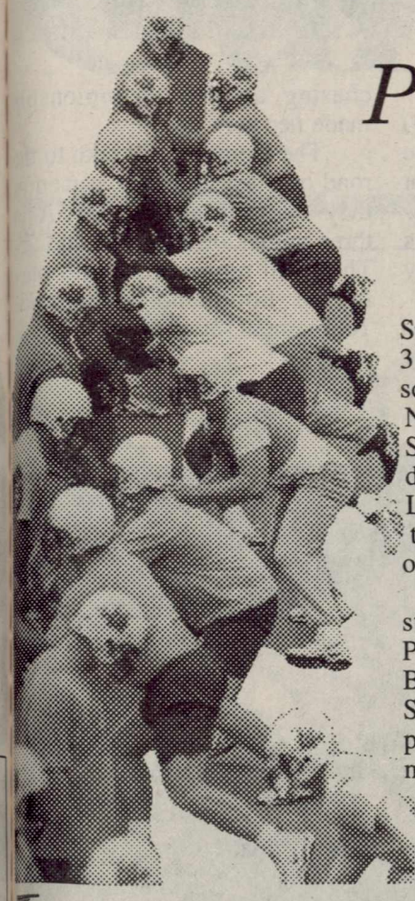
Spangler shines in second scrimmage

Purple swarm scores three times on while in renewal



Sports Information

Senior quarterback Brad Spangler threw for 192 yards and 3 touchdowns among eight scores generated by the Northwestern State offense Saturday as the two-time defending Southland Football League champions went through their second major scrimmage of spring practice.

Spangler threw scoring strikes of 30 yards to Chris Pritchett, 44 yards to Nathan Black and 3 yards to T.J. Sutherland while hitting 11 of 20 passes with no interceptions and no sacks. He guided the Demon offense to four scores in six series while playing 36 snaps.

"Brad Spangler is playing better than any quarterback I've had here," said Demon coach Sam Goodwin, beginning his 17th season at Northwestern. "He has picked up where he left off last season.

"Offensively, we look like we've got a real strong first unit and we need to make some strides behind them," he said. "It looks like we have more depth on defense. I've been very pleased with the progress we've made on that side."

Pritchett, a senior, had 4 receptions for 89 yards while Black, a sophomore, made 4 grabs for 68 yards.

Sophomore cornerback Rondale Durio had two interceptions for the second straight scrimmage. He is among the candidates to replace departed starting corners Jermaine Jones and Kenny Wright, who were both chosen in the NFL Draft.

"We may have a little J.J. on our hands, from the plays he's made in the first two scrimmages," said Goodwin.

The retooled Demon Purple Swarm defense, replacing eight starters, scored three times: on a 34-yard fumble return by Daiquri Rabb, a 43-yard fumble runback by B.J. Williams, and on a safety off a bad punt snap. Returning punter Shawn Grigsby averaged only 29 yards on four punts while returning kicker Thomas LaToof missed two extra points.

"The kicking game was pitiful," said Goodwin. "We haven't put in the work we need there but we will polish it up this week."

Other offensive touchdowns came on a 29-yard run by returning All-SFL tailback Tony Taylor, a 50-yard pass from Travis Fleming to Terrance Vinson, a 30-yard pass by Aubrey Jones to Bradley Farmer, a 4-yard run by Ryan Davis and a 2-yard run by Nigel Traylor.

Davis, a redshirt freshman from Garrison, Texas, was the leading rusher with 79 yards on 15 carries. He was moved from cornerback to tailback two days into spring drills.

"I would have to call Ryan the offensive player of the game," said Goodwin. "He's our biggest surprise. With he and Troy Sumrall, we have a couple of guys who can push Tony and give us the depth we need at tailback."

Taylor, a sophomore, ran for 65 yards on 10 carries but lost a pair of fumbles, including the one Williams returned for a score.

Overall, Goodwin said the Demons "put in some good work. There's a lot we can learn from this. I was real pleased with the enthusiasm and the way we cut back on penalties from last week."

The Demons, with 40 lettermen including 11 starters back from last year's 11-3 team that reached the I-AA semifinals, cap spring drills next Saturday evening with the Joe Delaney Bowl at 6 in Turpin Stadium.

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Demon QB Brad Spangler is one of the higlights of this year's spring practices..

Women novice four has great showing at Oak Ridge Scholastic Regatta

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

The women's novice four team, composed of coxswain Marion Yelverton, Sarah Muth, Audry Buagh, Vrignia McNail, and Jessica Cramer, placed third in their petite final to highlight the CREW's performance at the Oak Ridge Scholastic Regatta.

Of 22 boats entered in the regatta, the women placed ninth overall in their competition.

At about the 800 meter mark, the women stood three boat lengths behind the competition. At the end of the race, the women, had jumped two boat lengths up and lacked one second from edging out the second place spot.

I'm very excited about how well the women's novice four placed," CREW head coach Calvin Cupp said. "We had lost a senior after the Atlanta Regatta, so they had not been practicing as much. They came together and made the best of a bad situation."

> **"They made the best of a bad situation."**
>
> *head coach Calvin Cupp*

According to coach Cupp, the men's novice four had their best race of the year, finishing 6th in the petite final out of 25 boats placing 12th overall. This showing ranks third in school history and the boat was made up with coxswain Tammy Megow, Heath Crawford, Hauke Seger, Ted Mungier, and Frank Toro.

"This was their best race by far," Cupp continued. They were a lot more serious. Our weakspot, which was the same for the women, was our fitness."

Of the two heats of the women's lightweight four comprised of coxswain Michelle Walters, Anna Reeves, Rachel Aaron, Megan Juckett, and Yonna Frost, Northwestern state did not advance, placing fourth in the heat.

"This was a priority boat for us all year," Cupp added. "I had a senior graduating on this boat and on the men's varsity four. Last year this boat made it to the final last year but suffered an equipment problem."

"For the women to place fourth is very tough. They had the most consistent work ethic of any boat."

Male Athlete of the Week

Adam Sout
Baseball

The junior pitcher went the distance in a 5-3 victory over first-place Northeast Louisiana. Stout sat down five Indians while allowing one earned run while thrwoing 189 pitches, unofficially. The Demons increase to 29-16 overall and 13-8 in the SLC.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
Louisiana College
April 27@ 6:30 p.m.

Female Athlete of the Week

Linette Stuart
Softball

The junior left-fielder rocked a grand slam in the second innings to beat Sam Houston 7-0. The SLC Hitter of the Week, Stuart posted a 14-25 performance over a six-game span. The Demon improve to 29-19 and 19-4 in the SLC as the regular season champs.

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CHAMPIONS...AGAIN!!

Jay Lyles Staff Reporter

It's over! The Demon softball team has clinched the Southland Conference Championship.

Over the last week the Demons have played six SLC games in Huntsville at Sam Houston and at home against Stephen F. Austin. The final result is another conference championship for the Northwestern State Demon softball team.

In the first game of a doubleheader that took place last Tuesday, NSU nailed 12 hits to score seven runs while committing only one error and held Sam Houston to nothing.

SLC Pitcher of the Week Cindy Leggett allowed a mere three hits in the shutout that blew away Sam Houston.

NSU opened to a two run lead in the first inning and desecrated Sam Houston in the fifth inning as they connected to score five runs. The commanding seven run lead was more than enough to put down Sam Houston in the shutout.

Even though the Demons committed a whopping six errors in the second game, the Demons still came out on top scoring eight runs on 11 hits in the 8-4 win.

The offense was provided by Linette Stuart, Kita Williams and Erin Mancuso all of whom homered to lead NSU to victory in the second game of the afternoon.

In the fifth inning, Stuart walloped a grand slam. Williams became the fourth player in school history to hit seven or more homers in a single season. She was the center of attention in the six-run second inning.

Amber Welker recorded her eighth win of the season as she scattered eight hits over the course of the game and allowed only four runs to score.

Legget came back out the following day with the intent to play ball and play she did. She allowed only six hits in seven innings while letting only three runs score in the 10-3 win for the Demons.

Northwestern went on to capitalize as the Demons scored 10 runs on 10 hits.

As part of the six run third inning, Brandy Kenney went yard to provide three runs for the Demons.

The win gave the Demons their ninth straight win in SLC action, but the Demon softball team was not finished yet.

They came home to face off against another Texas team, Stephen F. Austin.

The battle for outright SLC champion was won slowly, however, as the Demons took only two of three from SFA.

NSU claimed the first game in the win column as they battled to the bottom of the sixth inning to get a 2-1 victory.

The two-run single off the bat of Shante' Jones was the shot that gave Legget her seventh straight win and NSU its tenth straight SLC victory.

Their luck would not hold up, though, as the Ladyjacks rallied to score seven runs in a 7-4 game that resulted in an NSU loss.

Welker (8-6) got the loss as she allowed 11 hits in the game.

The loss temporarily set the Demons back, but a combination of winning the next day and a badly needed upset from the other NSU (Nicholls) allowed the Demons to clinch sole possession of the SLC title.

On Sunday, the Demons slammed the cold, hard front door on the Ladyjacks in a shutout that resulted in a 10-0 victory for Northwestern.

Nicholls helped the Demons along by beating down second place Texas-San Antonio, but the spanking that the Demons applied to the rear ends of the SFA had much to do with it.

Seniors April Cook, Jones and Williams took part in the victory as they contributed heavily to the game.

The three went combined six for eight with four RBI. The final result of the offensive attack was a 14 hit game for the Demons.

The Demons stepped out on the field playing ball as Jones smashed a double that initiated a five run first inning.

The Demons scored again in the sixth inning and pushed the run count to six.

It was the third inning that proved fatal to SFA, however, as Stuart tore up a pitch that put three more runs on the board for the Demons.

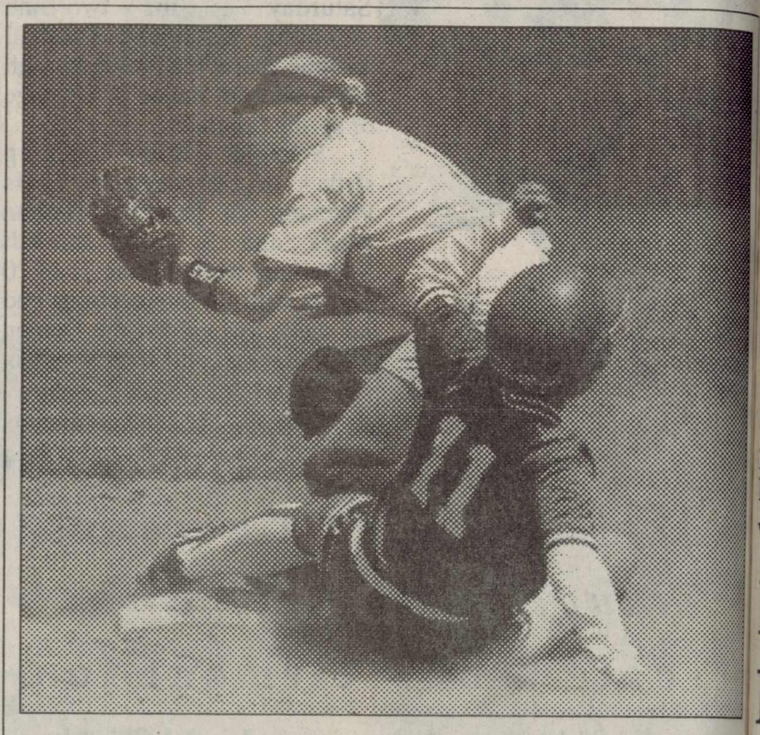
The third inning resulted in four runs that pushed the run count to ten and shortened the game to four and a half innings because of the ten run rule.

Cindy Leggett (17-9) claimed another win as she allowed only three hits and got her second win in as many days.

"It's hard to put my feelings into words," said coach Gay McNutt after the game.

She said that the back-to-back championships and the way the girls handled the pressure of chasing another championship made her very proud.

The Demons will take to the road one last time this season as they face off against UTSA in three games on April 24 and 25. They will return home and play in the Southland Conference Tournament on April 29 - May 1.



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Jana Strickland attempts to nab a would-be base stealer.

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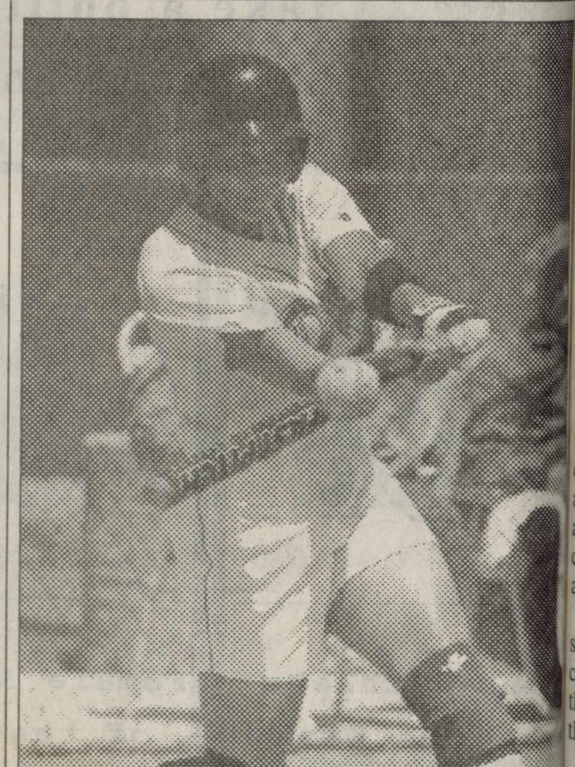

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Shante' Jones connects off SFA pitching. Jones is one of three graduating seniors that helped led the Demons to two straight conference titles.

Regina Roe focus point at LSU Alumni Gold Relays

Sports Information

Wins by Regina Roe in the javelin and Tabitha Johnigan in the shot put, along with the second-fastest 200 meter time in school history by Dasha Thompson, highlighted Northwestern State's performances Saturday at the wind-swept LSU Alumni Gold Relays track and field meet.

Roe, the nation's No. 16-ranked competitor in her event, threw 146-5, almost 10 feet shy of her school record mark earlier this month, but good for first in a 20-woman field. Northwestern teammate Elizabeth Williams was third at 136-6.

Johnigan posted a 46-5 1/4 mark to win by nearly a foot over Heidi Quast of Kentucky in an 18-woman shot put field.

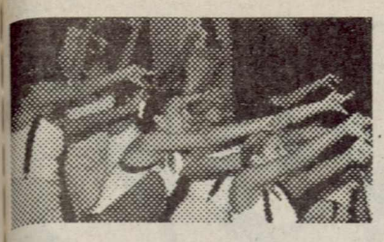
Thompson threatened her own school record in the 200 and clocked the best time by a Southland Conference competitor this year, running 23.98 to become the first Lady Demon sprinter with a pair of sub-24 second performances to her credit. She broke Marlene Garner's four-year-old record of 23.98 last season with a 23.71 time. Her time Saturday was good for fifth behind LSU All-Americans Peta-Gaye Dowdie (22.25) and Myra Combs (23.08), Kerine Black of South Florida (23.92) and Ngozi Iwu of Texas Tech (23.93).

Thompson also recorded the season's second-best SLC time in the 100 meters, running 11.85 and finishing sixth.

Christal Traylor of NSU posted the second-fastest SLC mark of the season in the women's 800, clocking a 2:12.60 for fifth place. Todd Boddie recorded the second-best SL men's 1500 time of the ye 3:54.89, while finishing seven Saturday.

Robert Bonner was secon in the men's 3000 me steeplechase in 9:42.60, th fourth-best SLC mark th spring. Other top Northweste finishes Saturday were fro Felipe Apablaza, third in th men's high jump (6-11 3/4 Jody Gowdy, third in th women's 5000 (18:18.89); a Christin Carter, fourth in th women's high jump (5-7).

All-America flat jump Kenta Bell did not compete his specialties Saturday but t nation's No. 1-ranked lo jumper and No. 3 triple jumper preparing for next Saturday NSU Invitational at the Wal Ledet Track Complex.



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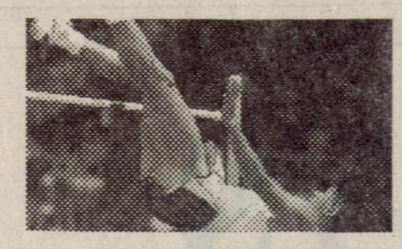

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Students have complained of difficulties registering by phone and the Internet for the fall semester because of holds. Registrar Lillie Bell said some of these holds were placed to verify students' addresses.

Fall registration hits complications

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

Registration for the fall 1999 semester has begun and so have registration complications.

A common complaint from students is the placement of holds on their accounts which prevent them from registering until those holds are removed.

Registrar Lillie Bell said these holds are placed to ensure that student addresses are correct so their refund checks will be sent to the proper address.

Once students verify their correct address, the holds are removed and students can register, she said.

"This is our way of ensuring that the students addresses are current," Bell said. "These holds are not new. They were put on accounts even when students could only register through their academic advisor."

Another major complaint is students with less than 30-hours can register by the Internet, but the new system will not allow them to add or drop classes.

The advance in registration has been implemented with the Student Information System 2000 which was designed to change a students' classification at the beginning of the semester rather than at the end, Bell said.

The SIS 2000 will include all hours previously registered as well as the students' current semester hours.

Because the system changes the students' classification upon registering, they are able to register, but once the student has registered the SIS 2000 system only includes previously earned hours and will not allow the student to add or drop courses.

"Right now, we don't see a way to fix it," Bell said. "The internet and telephone upgrade to the SIS 2000 system was necessary because the old system was not compatible to Y2K."

Bell encourages all students with less than 30-hours to see their advisors, get advised and register through their academic department.

The most common complaint among students is the number of prerequisites popping-up on the screen, making it impossible to register for business courses via the Internet.

"At the request of the dean of the College of Business, we entered all prerequisites," Bell said. "Once students have met all prerequisites for business classes, they won't run into these problems."

Bell plans to send degree audits to students each semester to make it easier for them to locate their classes and registration faster.

'STAR' calls attract students to University

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

It's that time again. The University's spring round of STAR calls are being made and recruitment for the fall 1999 semester has begun.

Jana Lucky, director of Admissions and Recruiting, said STAR calls is a strategic telemarketing and recruiting plan formulated by Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, to provide a more personal form of recruiting by giving students a personal attachment to the University.

Based on ACT information, students are separated by their major and assigned to the appropriate department to STAR call.

The Admission and Recruiting Office provide each department with a label of questions designed for the purpose of receiving student information, encouraging student interests and establishing a relationship with a student interested in majoring in their department of study.

"STAR calls encourage students and faculty to recruit for their individual departments, which inadvertently recruits for the University," Lucky said.

According to Lucky, personalized post cards are sent out to students immediately after the STAR calls are made inviting them to visit their department and get involved with the University.

"Students are finding attachments," Lucky said. "Dr. Webb wants 2000 freshman in the fall and I keep telling him we'll have 2001. Our goal is 2001."

To live on campus or off?

Officials cracking down on housing

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Students are having more difficulty than ever attempting to move off-campus due to the enforcement of regulations for off-campus residency.

Mary E. Stacy, director of housing, said the requirements have been in place for over thirty years. The regulations are handed down from the Board Of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Those requirements include: living with a family member (must be verifiable); be a military veteran; reside in a property owned by a family member; have a significant medical problem; have significant financial hardship; be 21 years of age or older; have resided on campus for six semesters; be married or divorce; be classified as a senior; or other hardships.

The housing office is enforcing the regulations in order to receive more revenue from the dorms.

"The only money going into the residence halls are the money that students pay to live in them," Stacy said. "When we have a decline in residency, we have a decline in revenue," Stacy said. "This will draw attention from our supervisors."

In years before, the loss in revenue was not as apparent in the systems revenue fund, which includes the auxiliary services of the university.

"Before, at the end of the year, the supervisors used to take all of the units included in auxiliary services such as residential life, health services, food services, and bookstores, and look at their bottom line," Stacy said. "Well, we have been okay all along, now they are saying they want to look at each unit."

The University hopes that by enforcing these regulations it should begin to accommodate for the loss of revenue.

The University's residence halls are in their second year of a three year price increase. Prices may also increase in the years' 2000-2001, dependent on if the university meets their goal by enforcing the regulations Stacy said.

From this increase in price, renovations have been made to Sabine Hall, and plans are underway to repair Rapides, Dodd, and Boozman Halls. The halls are renovated based on a priority basis.

"They are not all going to look like the Marriot," Stacy said. "They are residential hall facilities."

The housing office has a plan in place to enforce the exemption policy. The university will place a hold on the account on any individual who is not exempt from living on campus.

"On the 14th day of enrollment, I will get a list of students who have not turned in a form, and who do not meet the requirements for exemption," Stacy said.

"Those that have not turned in a form at that time, a hold will be placed on their account and they will be in violation of the student code of conduct. They won't be able to register, they won't be able to pick up student worker checks until this is done."

They only advice Stacy gives to residents who wish to move off-campus, but who do not meet the requirements is they remain on campus. "We do have seven residence halls and the university columns," she said.

Local survivor shares the memory of the Holocaust

Courtney Hornsby
Managing Editor

For Holocaust survivor Rose Van Thyn, memories of her painful ordeal more than half a century ago are still as vivid as ever.

Van Thyn, who has lived in Shreveport for the past 43 years, spoke this past Thursday to students at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. April is recognized as the month when concentration camps were liberated.

A roomful of students and faculty gathered in Fournet Hall on the University's campus to hear Van Thyn share her experiences. Included in the audience was Rabbi Arnold Task of Alexandria.

She explained to the audience her life began with a "normal, loving family" in Holland. Prior to World War II, the Jews in Holland lived a good life, she said.

That all changed, however, in 1939 when Adolf Hitler made his way to Holland. Suddenly, the lives of all Jewish people took a dramatic turn. Jews weren't allowed to use public transportation, were put on a curfew and had to wear the star of David.

"His priority was killing all the Jews of Europe," she said. "He called that his 'final solution.'"

It wasn't long before Dutch Jews, including members of her family, were taken from their home in the middle of the night.

She later discovered they were both killed by the Germans.

A few weeks later, her father and first husband were taken. Shortly afterwards, German soldiers came back for her and her mother.

Mrs. Van Thyn was taken to Auschwitz, where she was taken to Block 10 to be used for medical experiments.

> **"We are survivors. But we're never really free... you never get over this."**
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> **Rose Van Thyn**
> **Holocaust survivor**

As a result of the experiments, some Jewish women were left sterile. In fact, Van Thyn believes she is only one of 10 women who was able to conceive.

Even though she described the experiments as painful, she considers herself fortunate.

"It probably saved my life," she said.

Despite repeated beatings, she relied on the support of others in the concentration camp as well as her faith in God to see her through the darkest time in her life.

"I prayed more to God than I had ever done," she said. "I prayed to live and to die... every day was a question mark."

Van Thyn was sent to another concentration camp, which she said is still too difficult to discuss. She said words couldn't describe that experience except to say it was

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1999-2000 student media leaders chosen

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

The Media Board met Thursday to tentatively appoint the candidates for the student media, pending SGA Senate approval during this week's regular SGA meeting.

The appointed candidates for the student media are as follows: Senior Journalism major Melissa Robertson,, editor of Potpourri; Senior Political Science major Shawn Hornsby, editor of *The Current Sauce*; Senior Journalism and English major Manny Guendualy, general manager of KNWD 91.7 FM and Junior Psychology major Wayne Burris, editor of Argus.

Robertson has been working with the Potpourri since her freshman year. She was a staff writer her freshman and sophomore year and was assistant editor under Heath Crawford this school year.

As for her term as editor, Robertson said she is looking forward to "the challenge of making a yearbook that is completely different and will fit the new millennium."

"I think most the universities will be trying to have a retro look to fit the millennium, but I want to go the opposite direction and make next year's Potpourri really unique," Robertson said.

Hornsby took over as editor of *The Current Sauce* in the middle of the fall 1998 semester when editor Philip Wise had to resign from the University.

Hornsby will be serving as editor-in-chief and president of Student Government. It has been some time since both titles have been held by the same person. David Precht held the positions almost thirty years ago.

"The secret to balancing both jobs will be to keep the two institutions completely separate," Hornsby said.

According to Hornsby, some changes are in store for the *Sauce*.

"For my staff, I want to make working for the *Sauce* as close to the real thing as possible by allowing them (the staff) the chance to screw up or do right. I want to put the burden of production on them. For the students, that remains to be seen. The Sauce will change according to the feedback we receive and the stories and issues we cover," he said.

What's even more unique about next year's editor is the fact that he hasn't taken one journalism course. Hornsby started out as a sports writer and worked his way to news editor, which led to being named editor-in-chief.

Guendulay has been working with KNWD since it was located in South Hall. He is currently serving as RPM Director for one year.

Once Guendulay becomes general manager, he would like to see KNWD take on a more competitive edge with the other areas of the University's student media.

Burris was appointed to be editor of Argus and hopes to use his new position to make what he believes are needed changes.

"I have been displeased with the way Argus has been run in the past and I would like to

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News

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Sororities sweep songfest

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Spread the News, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority captured first place in Order of Omega's annual Songfest. Songfest was held April 20 in the Student Union ballroom.

Sigma Sigma Sigma performed their rendition of the popular broadway musical, "Newsies" winning their organization $300. Their performance involved members dancing, singing, and performing acrobatics.

Phi Mu Fraternity took second place and $200 by reconstructing their own MTV video music awards show. Phi Mu's performers included The Dixie Chicks, Gloria Estefan, and The Beastie Boys. The energetic performance also included a considerable amount of dancing as well.

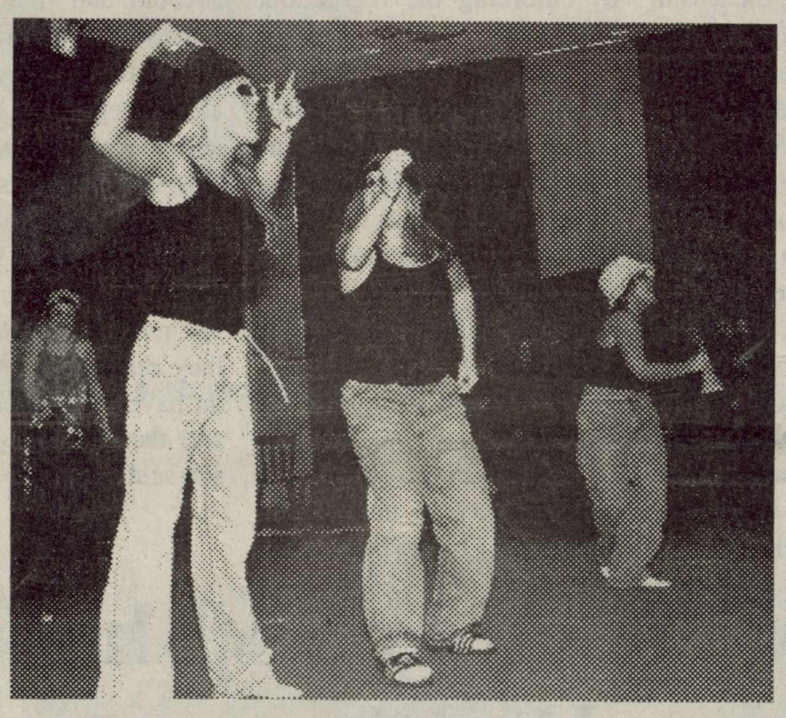
Alpha Omicron Pi sorority sang and danced to songs such as "You Don't Own Me" from the movie "Three Wives' Club." Alpha Omicron Pi won their sorority third place and $100.

Sigma Nu fraternity also participated in Songfest. Members of the fraternity sang songs such as "Johnny Be Good" and "Wonderful Tonight."

The Order of Omega sponsors the event each year in order to allow Greek unity and competition.

"I think this years' Songfest was the most competitive, and it was the largest in attendance," Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority member Virgina Dixon said. "It was really awesome and the preparation part of the event is the best part."

"I thought all four entries were very good and very deserving of winning," Phi Mu fraternity member Eileen Ehlers said. "I had a great time doing it and I would definitely do it again."



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(Above) Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority participate in Order of Omega's Songfest, which was held last week in the Student Union Ballroom. The sorority received first place for their rendition of "Newsies." (Below) Phi Mu won second place with a MTV Medley

Students may have completed an associates degree without knowing it

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

Students who have earned 63 or more hours, pay close attention. The NSU General College may have something that belongs to you.

It is an associates degree. Students with 63 or more hours may have completed the degree and not know it.

Under a new initiative of the General College, students can earn this Associate in General Studies (AGS) while completing their own baccalaureate degrees.

Students interested in getting the degree need only stop by the General College in office 239 located in Kyser Hall. This new program, the AD 2000 program, will allow students to undergo a quick evaluation of their hours to determine if they qualify.

Many people wonder why a student should be interested in getting his or her associate degree while working on a four-year degree.

"The two-year associate degree is getting much respect now by employers in retail business and industry," said Dr. Sue Weaver, dean of the General College.

According to Weaver, an NSU graduate, Chris Catron, was able to gain employment in the Brookshires Management Training Program because of his degree.

There are six NSU associate degrees: Business Administration (BUAD), Office Administration (OFAD), Nursing (AND), Electronics Technology (ET), Veterinary Technology (VT), and AGS with emphasis in three areas, child care, criminal justice, and aviation.

These will be beneficial to students in many ways.

Some teachers in federal teaching positions such as the Head Start programs nationwide will be required to earn the two-year associate degree by the year 2003, following the mandate of the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 1998.

Stopping at two years is not necessary, however.

"...many students will choose to apply all their courses toward the 4-year baccalaureate in Early Childhood Education," said Pat Pierson, head of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department.

For people interested in pursuing the criminal justice side of the degree, there are jobs available in many fields.

"An associate degree will give an advantage to a student over a person who has no degree at all," said Joe Morris, assistant

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Campus Connections

Scholarship Office: Funding for TOPS will be delayed until further notice because of programming upgrades at the main LOSFA office. The estimated date of funding is the end of April. For more information, call the Scholarship Office at 357-4357.

IEEE: Members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering are selling raffle tickets for a CD car sound system from Top Dog Audio. Tickets are $1 a piece and can be purchased from IEEE members or Tom Hall, IEEE advisor, in room 218 of Williamson Hall. Top Dog Audio is located next to Heilig Myers on La. Hwy. 1 South. The drawing will be held the last day of finals, May 8. Need not be present to win.

Pi Kappi Phi: Members received the most team spirit award during the Cancer-walk-a-thon. Congratulations to Felipe Apablaza who set the national Chilean record for the high jump.

Recreation Complex: The Recreation Complex will open Thursday. Hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays- Fridays; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Purple Jackets: Congratulations to our new executive board. Remember to work graduation reception and graduation if you signed up. Have a great week and good luck with finals.

Nesom Natatorium: New hours for the Natatorium are as follows: Monday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Tuesday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Wednesday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-7 p.m. lap swimming; Thursday- 7-9 a.m.; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Friday- 7 a.m. to noon; 6-9 p.m. (6-7 p.m. lap swimming only); Saturday- 10 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.; Sunday- 1-6 p.m.

National Broadcast Society: Anyone interested in television, radio or film is invited to attend the NBS's weekly meetings. We meet every Monday at 4:00 p.m., and one does not have to be a communications or journalism major to join.

College Republicans: Come and join the best party on campus! We hold our meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Check us out!

Social Methods III: Students can now check financial aid history simply by clicking in NSU's web site listed under *student information*. All you need is your social security number and birth date. For more information, call 354-1479 or 379-0125.

Pentacostal Campus Ministries: We hold meetings on Thursday nights in room 321 of the Student Union. Prayer is held at 6 p.m., and the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcomed to attend. A different speaker will be featured each week.

Sigma Tau Delta: The pinning ceremony will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Cane River room of the Student Union. Members should come dressed in business like attire. The meeting time and place will be announced. Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to Gail Henderson in the English Department or Lesa Thompson in Journalism.

Any organization wanting to place a Campus Connection in the newspaper should have them turned in no later than 1 p.m. Friday to *The Current Sauce* office in room 225 in Kyser Hall. All Campus Connections should be saved on a 3.5 high-density disk as text only. A typed copy should be turned in along with the phone number of a contact person with the organization.

The 1998-99 yearbooks are in. This year's theme is "Outta Line!"

Yearbooks can be picked up in room 227 of Kyser Hall. Students must have their IDs to receive yearbooks.

All full-time students paid for their yearbook during fee payments in the fall semester. Those who weren't full-time students in the fall can purchase a yearbook for $20 in the Cashier's Office. You must bring the receipt to pick up the book.

Yearbooks may be picked up during the following times:

May 3 -- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; May 4 -- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; May 5 -- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

As a result of a mandated legislative auditor, the VAX will be closed to students who are not enrolled in summer sessions.

The Computer Center has put out a message over the VAX telling all students that on May 7 at 4:30 p.m. , the VAX will be cut off to those students not attending summer sessions and will be turned on the first official day of classes in the Fall.

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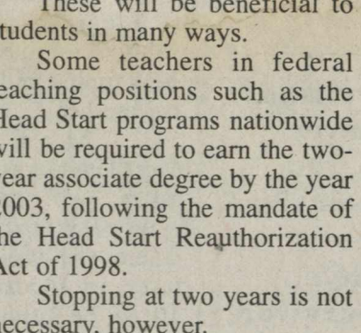

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Schedule of Final Exams

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1999

9:00-11:30 All 1:00 MWF Classes
12:00-2:30 All 10:00 MWF Classes
3:00-5:30 Chemistry 1030, 1040, 1070,1080,

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999

8:00-10:30 Engl 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020
SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20, 3810, 4810-20
11:00-1:30 All 4:00 MWF Classes
2:00-4:30 Math 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
5:00-7:30 All Monday Night Classes

TUESDAY, MAY 4,1999

8:00-10:30 All 8:00 TR Classes
11:00-1:30 All 11:00 TR Classes
2:00-4:30 All 2:00 TR Classes
5:00-7:30 All Tuesday Night Classes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1999

8:00-10:30 All 8:00 MWF Classes
11:00-1:30 All 11:00 MWF Classes
2:00-4:30 All 2:00 MWF Classes
5:00-7:30 All Wednesday Night Classes

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1999

8:00-10:30 All 9:30 TR Classes
11:00-1:30 All 12:30 TR Classes
2:00-4:30 All 3:00 MWF Classes
5:00-7:30 All Thursday Night Classes

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1999

8:00-10:30 All 9:00 MWF Classes
11:00-1:30 All 12:00 MWF Classes
2:00-4:30 All 3:30 TR Classes

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1999

See Instructor if you have a Saturday Only or a Saturday B- Term Class.

Commencement is held in Prather Coliseum. THis year's commencement is on Friday, May 8. Come early for seating!!!

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change that," he said.

Burris would like to take advantage of the other forms of the student media for advertising purposes students will know more about Argus.

The following Faculty served on this year's Media Board: Jerry Pierce, media board chairman, Dr. Helaine Razovsky, Professor of Language and Communication, Dr. Ray Wallace, head of the Department of Language and Communication and Dr. Steve, director of Alumni Affairs.

The following journalism students served on this year's Media Board: Heath Crawford, Stephanie Danby, Larry Collins and Joni Naquin.

Because Hornsby was applying for editor, newly elected SGA Vice President Paul Rome, senior business administration major, took Hornsby's place on the Media Board.

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freezing and there was no food.

After a three-year ordeal, finally she and others at her camp were released. German soldiers told them that Russian soldiers were on one side and American soldiers were on the other.

When she finally made her way to the Russians, she weighed a mere 65 pounds. Even though she was elated to be free, Van Thyn and other Jews had to deal with a cold, uncaring Russian Army.

Fortunately, they quickly found their way into the arms of American soldiers, who Van Thyn said were absolutely wonderful.

"We fell in love with them" she said of the Americans. "Their kindness made me want to go to America."

Eventually, she made her way back to her native land, only to find herself with no money and no family.

"That was one of the hardest things," she said. "I knew I would probably be the only one back from my family."

Soon after her return to Holland, Van Thyn met and married her husband Louis, who is also a Holocaust survivor. Both of them lost their first spouses in concentration camps.

After the birth of their son and daughter, the Van Thyns decided to move to the United States. With the help of a sponsor, the Van Thyn family moved to Shreveport and has been there ever since.

Van Thyn loves her life in the United States but is still haunted by her Holocaust memories.

"We are survivors," she said. "But we're never really free... you never get over this."

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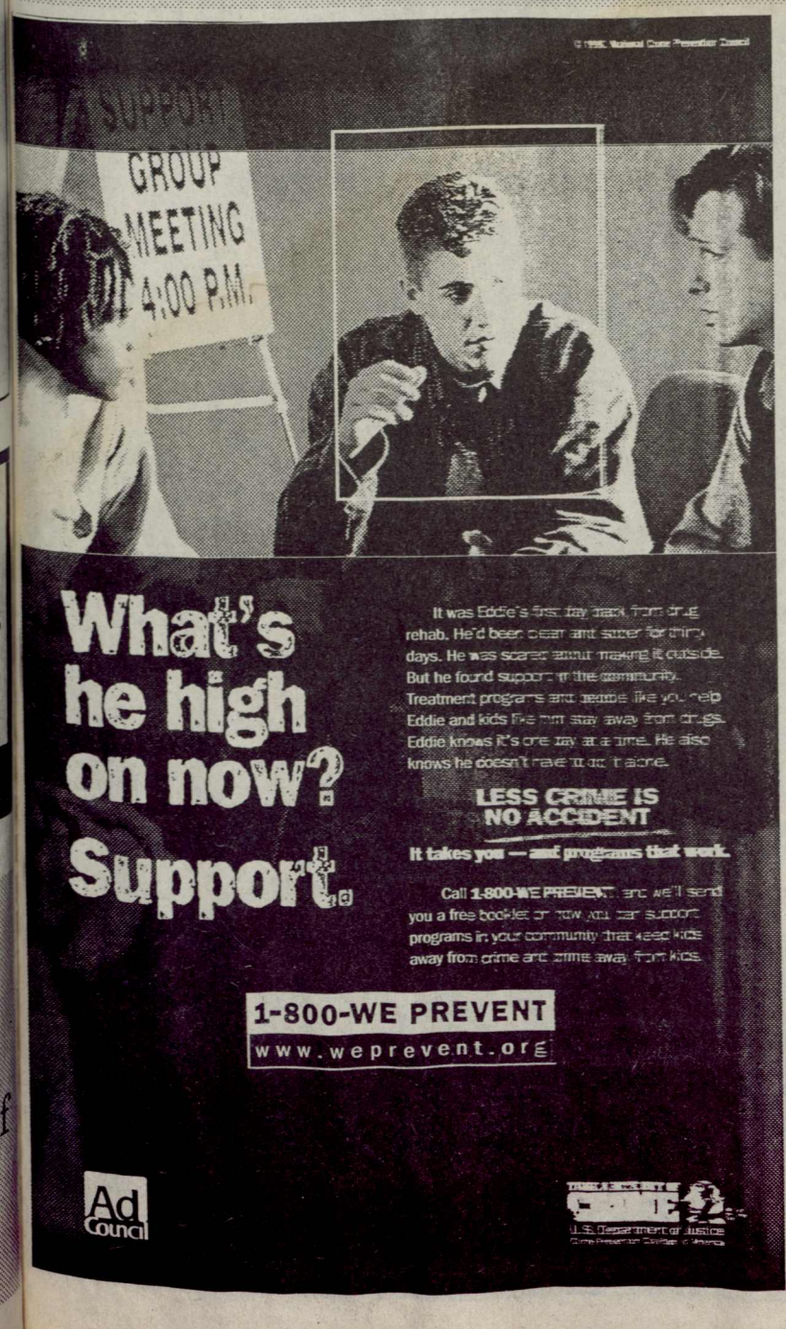

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Arts Day a success

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Natchitoches' Very Special Arts Festival proved to be a success.

About 13 schools came to Prather Coliseum Friday for the event, with children of all ages participating in the various art booths. Some students even ran the booths. Fifth graders Nikki Adams and Ellen Cupp from St. Mary's were running the Make a Friendship Pin booth. It is Cupp's first year to participate and Adams' second.

"I like it. It's fun to do," Cupp said.

Two methods students from NSU, Becky Bourgeois and Melissa Jenneman were in charge of the Block Art booth. The block art consisted of dipping block-shaped sponges into paint, then making designs on paper.

"This is a good turnout. It's a nice event for Special Education students in this parish. It brings them together," Jenneman said.

"It's a lot of fun and the kids seem to enjoy it. It lets them be artistic," Bourgeois said.

Some students from Natchitoches-Central High School were providing musical entertainment for the crowd. Brandol King, a junior, and LaToya Evans, a senior are in the Gifted and Talented Program at NCHS.

"We had a good time singing," Evans said. "It gives you more performance experience to sing for others besides those in your church."

Some of the other art booths at the fair were Create-a-Puzzle, Stencil Art, Tissue-Paper Flowers and Creative Collage which was an "anything goes" kind of creation.

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professor and coordinator for the NSU Criminal Justice Department. "They will be promoted faster."

Morris claims that with the AGS with an emphasis in criminal justice a person could find work as a police officer, corrections officer, parole or probation officer, dispatcher, clerical worker, private security worker, insurance investigator or fire investigator.

Leisha Willis, who is a State Farm representative from the Mid-South Regional office, said that many two-year degree students make good claims adjusters.

Weaver is also making it a point within the General College to not only appeal to traditional students but to offer classes that nontraditional students would want to take as well.

Making the grade

Professor offers test anxiety tips

News Bureau

Students are elated that the last few weeks of school have finally arrived.

However, for some people, the end of school means time for final exams, which may to a case of test anxiety.

Dr. Dean Lauterbach, an assistant professor of psychology at the University, said approximately 15 to 25 percent of students suffer from some level of test anxiety.

Understanding the symptoms and how to cope with them can help students make it through final exams.

"A little bit of anxiety is a good thing," Lauterbach said. "It motivates and propels us to prepare. But when anxiety reaches too high a level, it becomes problematic."

Lauterbach said one way to avoid anxiety is to get enough sleep and avoid all-night "cram sessions."

"The better prepared you are, the less nervous you are," he said. "If you are tired, you become more nervous."

Test anxiety can occur before, during or after a test, he said.

Problems that happen during an exam may include not being able to focus on the test material.

"Students may think about other things such as how many points they need to get a grade," he said. "They may focus on that and not think about the test. One way to avoid that is to alert yourself to that and break the pattern."

He said wearing a rubber band on the wrist and snapping it when those thoughts occur can help break the pattern.

Other problems during the test include the physical symptoms of rushed heartbeat, clammy hands and being jittery. Lauterbach said phsyical symptoms can be reduced by closing your eyes for a few seconds and taking a deep breath.

Post test anxiety takes place when a student is so worried about his last exam that it interferes with preparation for the next one.

Lauterbach said by recognizing the signs of test anxiety and dealing with them, students have a better opportunity to make the grade.

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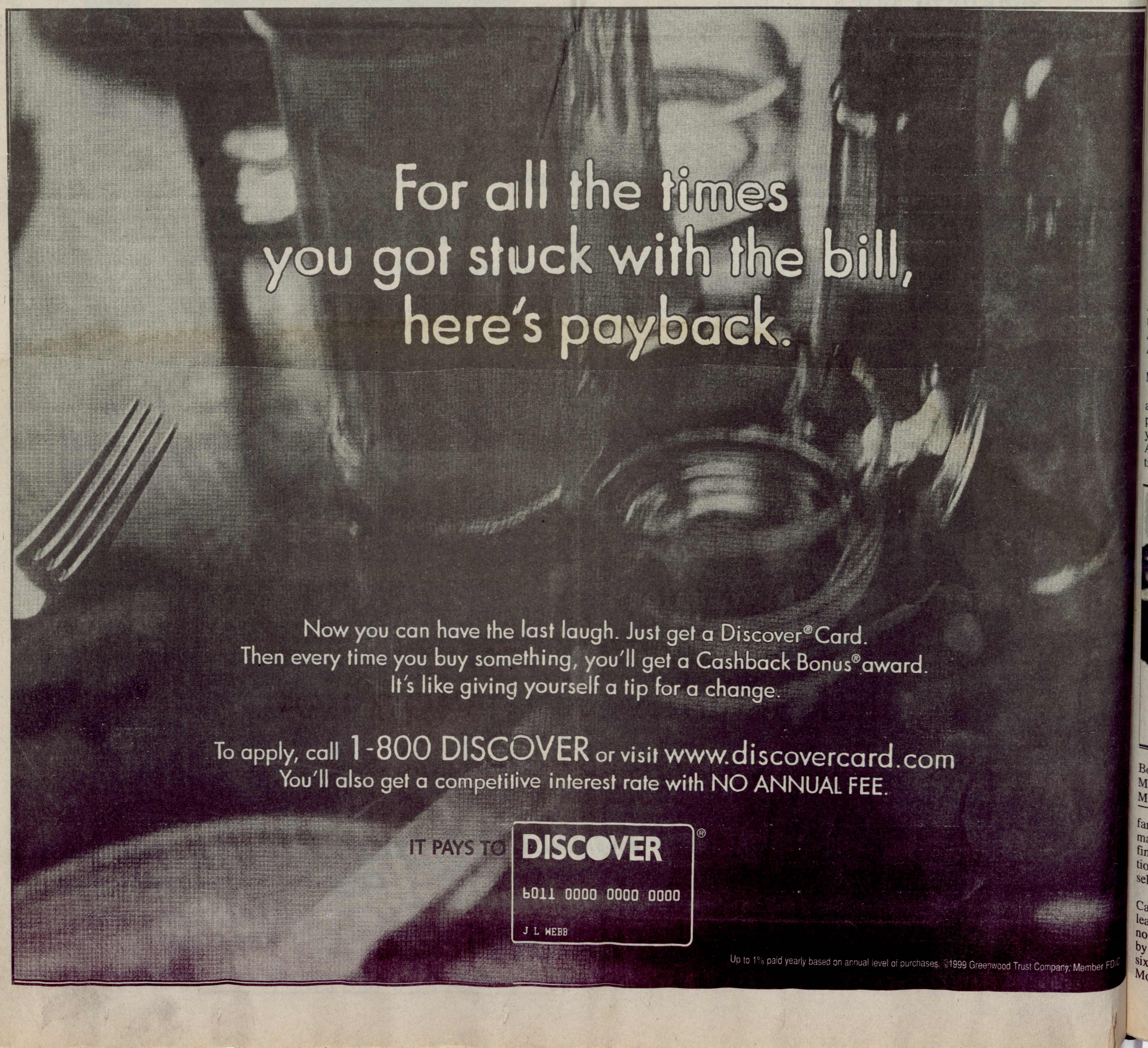

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NSU Theatre program gains national accreditation

Northwestern State University has had its theatre program accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. The accreditation lasts until 2004. NSU has had a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre since 1997 and is one of only 116 colleges and universities in the U.S. accredited for theatre.

"To gain national recognition through NAST accreditation of Northwestern provides further evidence of the overall quality of the academic programs at the university," Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb said. "People familiar with our theatre program are well aware that the program and its faculty are first rate. It is all the more gratifying when other respected professionals arrive at similar findings."

As part of the process, the theatre program underwent a rigorous 18-month-self-study which examined facilities, available technology, faculty, curriculum and other areas. Consultant Dr. Donald Drapeau of Virginia Tech then visited NSU and made additional suggestions to strengthen the program.

"The self-study was the most valuable part of the process," Coordinator of Theatre Dr. Jack Wann said. "We had to look at what we were doing as objectively as possible."

In February, a peer review team, Dr. Robert Hansen of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Dr. Clarence Bahs of Stephen F. Austin, visited the Northwestern campus. The team evaluated the points addressed in the self-study as well as the university library, administrative support, published material, admissions and student retention. As part of the visit, the team also held extensive interviews with faculty, staff, students and members of the administration.

The team submitted a report to the National Association which was evaluated by a committee which approved Northwestern's full accreditation.

"The evaluators said they had never seen a level of administrative support for the program like existed here," Wann said. "This happened because of the support of Dr. Randy Webb, Dr. Tom Burns, Dr. Don Hatley, Bill Brent and the theatre faculty and students. It was an ensemble effort.

Wann said the accreditation process strengthened the theatre program by identifying areas that could be improved and allocating resources to accomplish the objective.

Webb said the designation is important for the university as it moves to gain accreditation for all eligible academic programs.

Media and the Littleton spree

When a travesty like the shooting at Collumbine High School in Littleton, CO. takes place, the media provides thorough, live coverage of the event and its aftermath. These tragedies also fall prey to both self-scrutiny and societal finger-pointing when looking for a cause.

It took less than 24 hours for the New York Post to notice similarities between the two alleged gunmen in last Tuesday's spree and Leonardo DiCaprio's character in the 1995 film *The Basketball Diaries*.

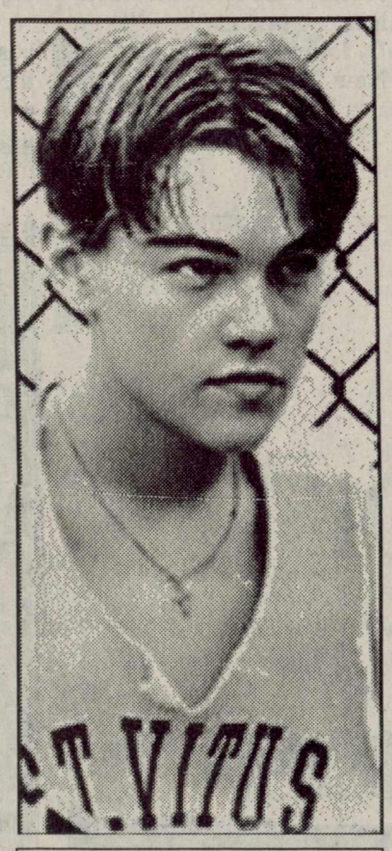
In the movie, the main character, Jim (DiCaprio), dreams he guns down classmates and teachers at school. Furthermore, Jim (autobiographically based on writer and musician Jim Carroll) also wears a black trench coat like those reportedly sported by the teenage gunmen who were part of a clique called the Trench Coat Mafia.

Diaries is already under attack by parents who lost children in a 1997 shooting spree in Paducah, KY. The plaintiffs say the 14-year-old freshman accused of killing three young ladies claims that his decision to commit the crime was partly influenced by the movie.

The media, for its part, tries to counter charges of responsibility by producing anti-violence or investigative programs. MTV, for example, planned to air a show on April 27 called *Warning Signs*, which focuses on predicting violent tendencies in teens. Instead, the program was run days earlier.

"When you decide to do a show like this, you mean it to be a helpful tool," MTV News executive vice president Dave Sirulnick said. "[It should be] proactive rather than reactive." He adds that the timing of the program, produced in connection with the American Psychological Association, was "tragically eerie."

The result of the lawsuit in which *Diaries* is questioned is still pending and even if the plaintiff's come out victorious, will these acts of unspeakable horror in our children's schools ever be stopped?



File Photo
Leonardo DiCaprio's film *The Basketball Diaries* is under much heat due to the tragedy in Colorado.

Upcoming A&E Events at Northwestern

April 19-30: NSU Faculty Art Exhibition. Works by Bill Bryant, Michael Yankowski, Rivers Murphy, Clyde Downs and Brooks DeFee. Hanchey Art Gallery (Downstairs)

April 19-30: NSU Student Art Society Competition. Hanchey Art Gallery, (Upstairs).

April 27-28: NSU Theatre presents Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale," A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

April 28: NSU Jazz Ensemble Concert, Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mary, Armageddon top MTV movie award nominations

Josh Beavers
A&E Editor

Armageddon and *Shakespeare in Love* have a lot more in common than just Ben Affleck - both are also Best Movie nominees. And, *There's Something About Mary* is in contention for more awards than *Shakespeare in Love* and *Saving Private Ryan* combined.

Must be time for the MTV Movie Awards.

The popular cable channel announced its list of films and performers in contention for this year's honors Monday afternoon. And while most of the nominations probably wouldn't suit the fancy of your average film critic, many moviegoers will doubtless find some measure of vindication in the music video network's selections.

The crowd-pleasing, Cameron Diaz-starring *Mary* leads the field with eight total nominations, followed closely by *Armageddon*, which nabbed six. Both will contend for Best Movie, along with *Shakespeare in Love, Saving Private Ryan* and *The Truman Show.*

For the record, there are four categories in which both MTV and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences bestow awards: movie, actor, actress and song. Although each organization names five nominees in the above categories, the candidates chosen by them are usually different.

They did find common ground with best picture nominees *Shakespeare in Love* and *Saving Private Ryan*, best actor nominee Tom Hanks, best actress nominee Gwyneth Paltrow and best song nominee "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," performed by Aerosmith for *Armageddon*. Only *Shakespeare* and Paltrow could potentially wind up with prizes from both MTV and the Academy.

The ceremony will air on MTV June 10. The complete list of nominees are as follows:

Best Movie
Armageddon
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
There's Something About Mary
The Truman Show

Best Male Performance
Ben Affleck (*Armageddon*)
Jim Carrey (*The Truman Show*)
Tom Hanks (*Saving Private Ryan*)
Adam Sandler (*The Waterboy*)
Will Smith (*Enemy of the State*)

Best Female Performance
Cameron Diaz (*There's Something About Mary*)
Jennifer Love Hewitt (*Can't Hardly Wait*)
Gwyneth Paltrow (*Shakespeare in Love*)
Liv Tyler (*Armageddon*)

Best Comedic Performance
Cameron Diaz (*There's Something About Mary*)
Chris Rock (*Lethal Weapon 4*)
Adam Sandler (*The Waterboy*)
Ben Stiller (*There's Something About Mary*)
Chris Tucker (*Rush Hour*)

Best Villain
Brad Dourif (*Bride of Chucky*)
Matt Dillon (*There's Something About Mary*)
Stephen Dorff (*Blade*)
Jet Li (*Lethal Weapon 4*)
Rose McGowan (*Jawbreaker*)

Best On-Screen Duo
Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler (*Armageddon*)
Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan (*City of Angels*)
Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker (*Rush Hour*)
Freddie Prinze Jr. and Rachael Leigh Cook (*She's All That*)

Best Song
"Are You That Somebody?" (Aaliyah, from *Doctor Dolittle*)
"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," (Aerosmith, from *Armageddon*)
"Iris," (Goo Goo Dolls, from *City of Angels*)
"Nice Guys Finish Last," (Green Day, from *Varsity Blues*)
"Can I Get A. . ." (Jay-Z from *Rush Hour*)

Breakthrough Performance, Male
Ray Allen (*He Got Game*)
Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*)
Josh Harnett (*Halloween H20*)
Chris Rock (*Lethal Weapon 4*)
James Van Der Beek (*Varsity Blues*)

Breakthrough Performance, Female
Cate Blanchett (*Elizabeth*)
Brandy (*I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*)
Rachael Leigh Cook (*She's All That*)
Katie Holmes (*Disturbing Behavior*)
Catherine Zeta-Jones (*The Mask of Zorro*)

Best Action Sequence
Asteroids destroy New York (*Armageddon*)
Car chase in France (*Ronin*)
Car chase on freeway (*Lethal Weapon 4*)
Tom Hanks and company land on Omaha Beach (*Saving Private Ryan*)

Best Kiss
Jeremy Irons and Dominique Swain (*Lolita*)
George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez (*Out of Sight*)
Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*)
Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz (*There's Something About Mary*)
Matt Dillon, Denise Richards and Neve Campbell (*Wild Things*)

Best Fight
Wesley Snipes and Vampires (*Blade*)
Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones (*The Mask of Zorro*)
Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker and the Chinese gang (*Rush Hour*)
Ben Stiller and Puffy the Dog (*There's Something About Mary*)

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Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz hope to take home MTV Movie Awards for their work in There's Something About Mary. The film is nominated for eight awards.

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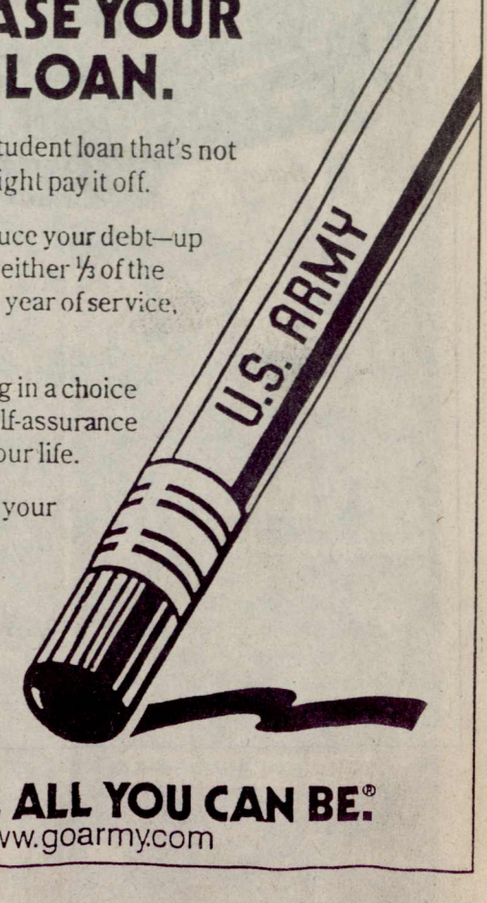

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Student to have swingin' time

NSU journalism student to intern with American Junior Golf Association this summer

Melissa A.Robertson
Staff Reporter

As most students await the lazy days of summer, senior David Balcer is preparing for working with some of the most talented golfers in the nation.

Balcer, a public relations journalism major, will participate in an internship with the American Junior Golf Association this summer as a part of NSU's journalism curriculum, which requires an internship before graduation. The AJGA is one of the most prestigious and largest organizations for junior golfers in the nation. It has about 4,500 golfers from the United States and 15 foreign countries. Fifty-four tournaments are held in 30 states and Canada.

Balcer, one of 24 interns chosen nationwide, will travel cross-country with the golfers. According to Balcer, over sixty students applied for the position from which twenty-four interns were chosen.

"The interns get experience in a lot of different areas," Balcer said. "We are trained in how to write and submit news releases, but also all in the details involved in setting up a golf tournament."

David Balcer

According to the AJGA, interns have a variety of responsibilities such as photography, golf officiating, public speaking, and setting up the golf course for a tournament. The interns are paid a weekly salary and are provided clothes, meals, hotel accommodations, laundry and travel expenses by the AJGA.

Balcer's group of golfers and interns will be traveling to thirteen cities in seven states and Canada, including New York City, Ontario, Mrytle Beach, S.C. and Cape Cod. The interns will participate in 11 tournaments, eight qualifiers and will travel approximately 5,700 miles over the three-month internship.

"I'm excited about traveling to the different cities," Balcer commented. "I am really looking forward to going to New York City and Myrtle Beach."

The internship is not all fun, however. , The interns begin their day at 5 am every morning and end at about 8 pm every night. They also usually work weekends, and only have one week off during the summer, during which they are still on-call. Most of the traveling is done in AJGA vans with five people in each van for about ten hours between the sites of the tournaments. The internship will be a hectic, but enjoyable time, said Balcer.

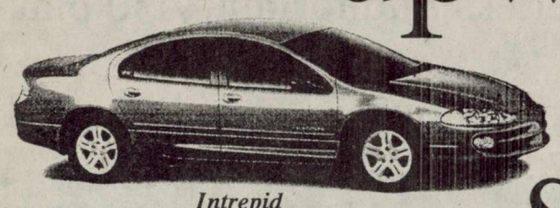
Balcer, a pitcher for NSU's baseball team, found out about the internship from his pitching coach, Sean McCann. McCann urged Balcer to apply for the internship because of Balcer's enthusiasm for golf.

Sixteen of the 29 full-time employees of AJGA were once interns, which gives Balcer hope for a future job with the organization.

"If I don't get a job with them [AJGA], I will at least make contacts that should help me find a job after I graduate," Balcer remarked.

Tiger Woods, David Duval, Justin Leonard, Dottie Pepper and Kelly Robbins are a few of the AJGA's alumni.

New college grads wanted for upward career move.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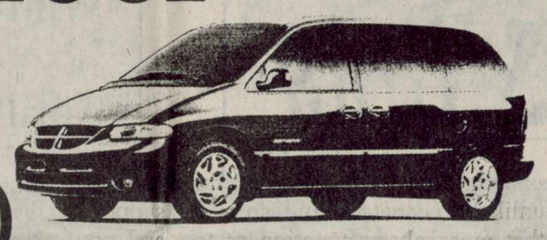
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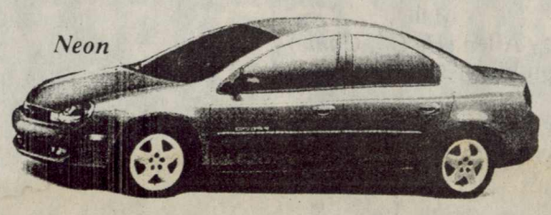
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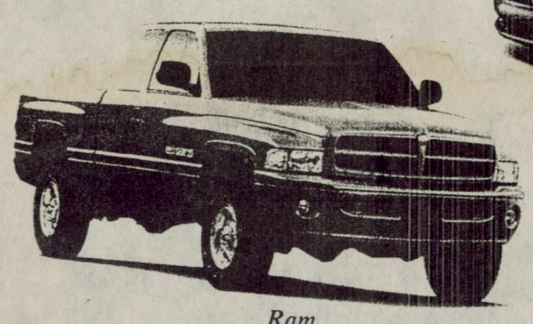
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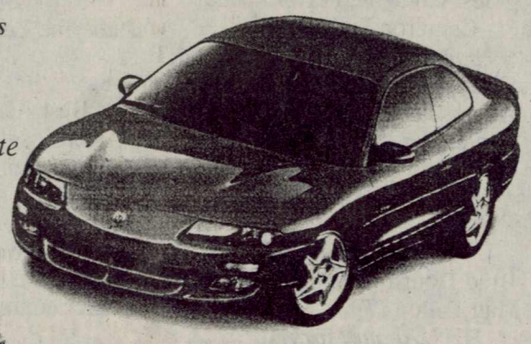
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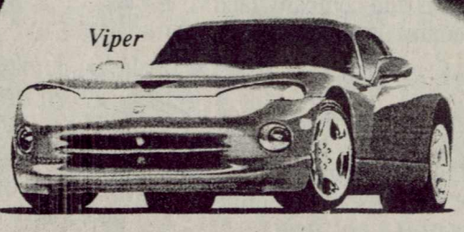
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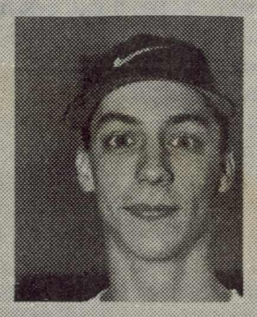
"I am going home to relax and take 4 vacations."

Michelle Meyer
Freshman



"I am "GONNA" be a roofer."

Andrew Davis
Sophomore

"I will be attending 3 sessions of summer school and serving as a freshman connector. I will take as many road trips as possible."

Virginia Dixon
Junior

"I am going to spend this summer working and preparing for gr aduate school."

Richard Packer
Senior

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Give me a break

Melissa A. Robertson
Sauce Columnist

With Special Guests: Earl Gates and Heath Crawford

Several weeks ago, a friend of mine suggested (over KNWD) that I give the students of Northwestern a break. So here it goes. This is just a list of people we love on campus.

1. Tommy Whitehead - he's got cool red pants.
2. SAB - for making the students think Cowboy Mouth was a catch.
3. Former Coach Barnett - for sticking around when times got rough.
4. ARAMARK - for keeping us in good health.
5. Physical Plant - for ensuring your shocks and struts work as you hit pot holes and unofficial speed bumps.
6. The student population - way to vote when it counts.
7. Certain sororities- restoring my high opinion of them.
8. Painters in Kyser- creating the latest in fashion.
9. NSU sports information- having the ability to make even volleyball interesting.
10. Registrar's office, Housing, and Financial Aid- making student life as painful...oops...painless as possible.

Thanks guys. Hope to see you next semester.

The campus according to Casey

Casey Shannon
Sauce Columnist

Dear Readers,

We all have a very serious task at hand. In light of recent events, we must catch our breath and begin to really work on the issues at hand. A good rule of thumb for problem solving is to focus ten percent of your time on the problem and ninety percent on the solution. Unfortunately, when it comes to issues as "in your face" as the school massacre in Colorado, we realize that the problem has been in front of us for too long already.

In the weeks to come we will, undoubtedly, hear many things from many people. From the "expert" task force that President Clinton appoints to examine the situation to the parents of the victims who will never get much further than "why?", We will all have a great deal of very valid information to digest.

I have no valid comment in terms of how the situation might have been prevented. After all, we all remember kids in school with the potential to do what the two assailants in Colorado did.

Instead, I personally vow (and invite all who read this to do the same) to make it personal. Freedom is not an easy thing. It was not be achieved with ease, and it cannot (by its nature) be maintained with low effort or cost.

Our forefathers understood this and acted in a deliberate fashion, leaving room for us, the future of the free world, to act just as deliberately. Unfortunately, our society has ignored this, and begun to take things for granted. From complex issues like violence in the schools to simple issues like respecting those that have already been there and done that, we all have lessons to be taught and to learn.

Therefore, I vow, from henceforth to forever, to make freedom's future my responsibility. I do not suggest that we should all put big red S's on our shirts and fly around saving people. This situation calls for brave people and an indestructible superhero can never be brave. Only those who stand to lose something (or perhaps everything) can be brave.

Keep this knowledge with you, and please take every opportunity you can to pass it on to those who might benefit from it...perhaps there would be no grieving parents in Colorado if this information had been conveyed efficiently.

Thanks to all who have taken time out of their week to read this column...it has been a joy.

To all who are seeking some meaningful last words, here's what comes to mind:

"....you've got your passion, you've got your pride, but don't you know that only fools are satisfied...Vienna waits for you."

-William Martin Joel

God Bless,

Casey

Guest Faculty Columnist

Dr. Roland Pippin
Professor of Sociology
College of Liberal Arts

In my effort to express some thoughts about education, I may well wax somewhat Cameronesque (i.e., like my right honorable colleague that professes english) or in cases succumb to Aichingerisms (i.e., like my right honorable colleague that professes political science). The world is raft with timely topics, not the least of which is the centuries old conflict in Yugoslavia. Even with that front stage, my comments are "local" albeit they have broader inplications or so I believe. Hopefully they will include some insight into the European arena, at least by addressing the problematic issue of educating.

In years past I have had colleagues, friends and foes alike tilt their heads at me when I have refused to be called a teacher. My preference for a title is professor with no pretence intended. I am of the view that these two nouns describe two different approaches, dictionary definitions notwithstanding.

At a certain level in the education process an indivicual should be taught underlying structures as a point of departure to learn anything else. This would include, for example, basic rules of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, basic rules of math, what numbers look like, what a circle is as opposed to an orb, etc. Without these tools and skills an indivdual would have no basis for intellectual and academic growth. . There are indeed people well trained in transmitting these tools and skills. There are colleagues all over the U.S. that have as their reason for being the art/science of pedagogy (i.e., to show an individual how to teach). Their focus is to teach the tools and skills noted. Their mission is not to address such issues as why and how. For example, you may have been taught very early on that all sentences must have a noun and a verb but you unlikely, at that time, addressed that more abstract notion as to why this must be the case. It was a given. It was axiomatic. As a person progresses trough the system of education (theoretically) a person should come to a point, most especially at the university level, where the whys and hows are the focus of attention. To be sure memorization is a good thing. And to be sure certain tools and skills are a good thing. However, there is more to mentation and education than this.

Professing as opposed to teaching should be oriented to another level of thinking and learning. At the university level, or so it seems to me, attacking, questioning, and arguing should be at the forefront and not the memorization of facts, skills and tools. It concerns me, and I suspect it is the concern of many of my colleagues, that university students want to know "what will be on the test?" and "what should I study?". More important issues should be; if something is the case, why is that so? or I know something at the descriptive level but what does it mean in the greater scheme of things? For example, I know that NATO is involved in the Yugoslav and Kosovo disagreement, but what has led up to that? Isn't it a strange historical twist that Germany is now considered part of the Allies Isn't it a bit strange that England supported the Serbs in WWII and now oppses them? And, at even a more abstract level, why do these kinds of confronatations come to be in the first place?

Not long ago I had a student write on her "Faculty Evaluation" of me that she had been taught that if more than 50 percent of students fail an exam, it's the teacher's fault (descriptive information that). Well now, if that is true, what does it mean when all students in a class make A's and B's? Does it mean the students are at fault? Yet another vignette. While teaching a course in dying and death and specifically addressing the issue of suicide, a student pointed out with great certainty (having been taught so) that if individual who had committed suicide had 24 hours to think about it they probably would not have committed suicide. My query, how could you possibly know that? What have you done, reanimated the person, let them think for 24 hours and watch what they do next? These are the kinds of arguments, queries, questions, and confrontations that should be occurring at the university level, or so I believe. To put an end to this, I am a professor and do not know everything (skills and tools) to "teach". I do know to always ask and ask and ask and to learn in the spirit of polemics.

It's your turn.

Response:
Jane Bradford Pippin

This is in response to Dr. Pippin's article. Although I agree in principle with much of what he has to say, I must support the "teachers" of America (as I used to be one). In my opinion, if one is not a teacher when he professes to be a professor, then he is not doing what he claims to be doing. Teaching is related to learning, a noble endeavor which is to be facilitated, nurtured and encouraged with creativity, intellect and support. Perhaps Dr. Pippin would be well served to accept that it is his responsibility to meet the learner where he is and go from there.

The Current Sauce wishes all a safe enjoyable summer vacation.

Gregory J. Gelpi
Opinions Editor

Often we drift through this quaint little town of Natchitoches completely oblivious to the fact that a world exists in which neither Wal-Mart nor Albertson's is the center.

By this point in time, news is slowly seeping into the city limits about some crazy new fangled contraption called the wheel.

Natchitoches seems to slumber while the world around it whirls past. Unfortunately, at some time or another, we must all accept the reality that there's more to life than debating how precious a road made of bricks can be.

For those of you who have yet to hear, the U.S. is at war. Let me clarify that statement. The U.S. is part of an allied police action against another nation.

So, what does that mean? That means that the U.S. is part of an undeclared "war".

If all is fair in love and war, then how much more is fair in undelcared love and undeclared war?

I'm not going to say that there is never, under any circumstances, a reason for military intervention, nor will I say that repeated bombing is the universal cure for all that ails.

My point is that reserves have been called up. Talk is popping up about a possible draft. A move is being made to include women in the draft. Everyone, no matter if you have heard of Kosovo or not, will be affected by this "military conflict," if they haven't already been. We must all be informed.

Experts, analysts, and politicians each have a spin on the situation. While one speaks of humanitarian relief, another speaks of a war between the U.S. and Russia, consequently leading to another world war.

It's impossible for each of us to take a vacation to Kosovo to discover the truth for ourselves, but nonetheless we must wade through all of the propaganda in order to discern the truth.

Once in a great while we must drop the all important debate on whether or not wrestling actually serves a societal function. We must rise to the occasion and accept the responsiblity that each of us has been blessed with.

Yes, we are students, mere pawns in the political arena, and if we keep this attitude we will remain just that - pawns.

Currently, we stand in a position lower than that of pawns. We are sheep.

The preesident speaks. We listen. No one questions.

The U.S. is the leader of the free world. Who dares to question its moral and ethical judgements.

I'm not pointing the finger. I, too, am a sheep.

We each have the gift of choice. Unfortunately, many throughout the wrold aren't afforded this choice. Some are born in situations which place limits on them, while others have their choices stripped from them.

It is our duty and obligation to make the right choice. We could choose to spend hours sopping up grease from our good ole ARAMARK pizza, or we could choose to become informed and express an intelligent opinion in deed and word.

I'm not asking you to consider putting something at the bottom of your "To Do List." I'm telling you to do something today.

With each passing moment, bombs continue to drop, refugees continue to flee, and world-wide tensions continue to mount.

Believe it or not, but we, as students, do have power.

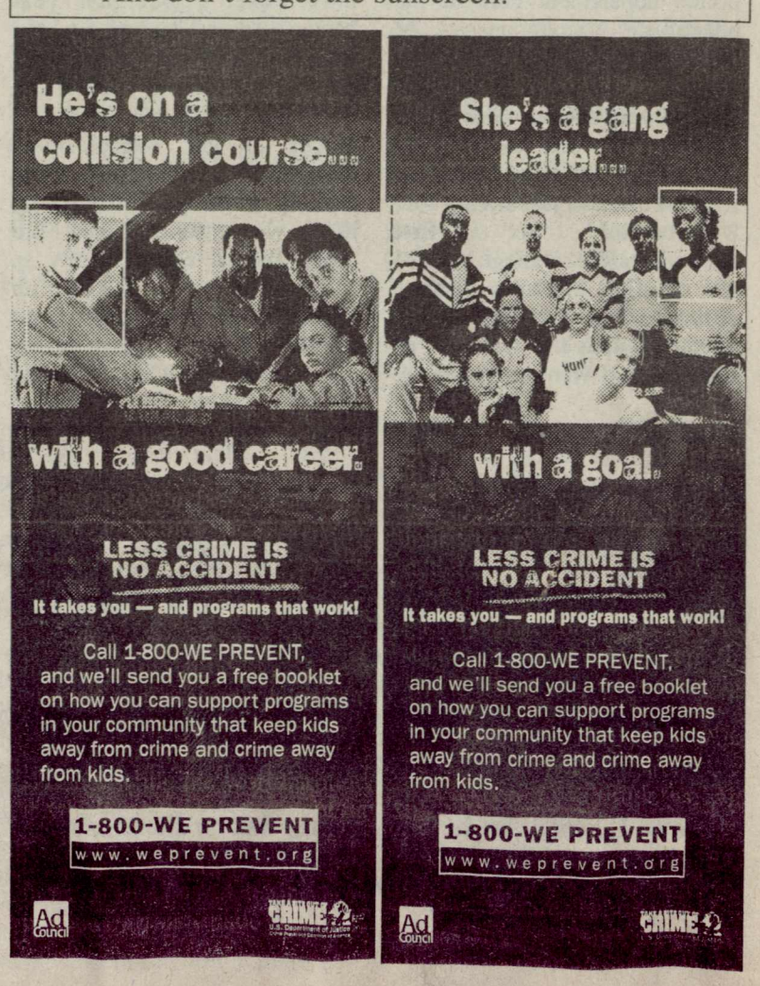
As I have frequently been told and have frequently observed, "It's better to try and to fail, than to fail to try."

I would like to thank all of those who have helped to put *The Current Sauce* together this semester, including, but not limited to Shawn T. (I need an "A"); Melissa, Casey, and Wes (without you guys this page would be blank), Mr. Whitehead (no more needs to be said); all who have written letters, and especially all who have put up with my opinions.

I wish each and every student a relaxing, yet productive summer.

And don't forget the sunscreen.

The Current Sauce will return for the summer sessions. Editions will be published during the second and third sessions. Please continue to send your story ideas to Kyser Hall room 225 or call 357-5384.



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Features Editor bids farewell

Andrew Kolb
Features Editor

As my time of exodus from NSU looms in the very near future, I decided to sit down and think about what I will and won't miss about dear old Northwestern.

I will certainly not miss the Natchitoches traffic. There is nothing like sitting in traffic for 30 minutes to go 3 miles. It seems that most people in Natchitoches have no particular place to go or specific time to get there. These people also seem to be in charge of deciding whether the Church Street and Keyser Avenue bridges get rennovated.

I will miss the handful of unique, cheap places to eat in Natchitoches.

I will undoubtedly not miss Aramark food. Where else can you get mediocre food at such an expensive price?

I will not miss paying hundreds of dollars for textbooks,then using them, on average, only 10-15 times during the semester, and then being screwed at the end of the semester when I sell them for one tenth of what I paid for them.

I will miss the few professors who told their students not to buy the textbook because it was too expensive. They will remain nameless so they will not draw the wrath of Big Brother.

I will miss how easy it is to get involved in organizations at Northwestern.

I will dearly not miss the hordes of students who whine and complain about everything from parking to the spring concert and then lack the cahones' or energy to do anything about it. I will also miss the fact that these same students (who are a majority of the student body) continually allow the administration to screw us over (whether intentionally or not) and never peep a word about it.

I will not miss the brilliant customer service at Watson library. There is nothing like hiking over to St. Denis to pay a $.75 fine that you didn't deserve in the first place just so you can check out a book. I will also miss the fact that the book you are checking out for your research paper is from 1967, the year someone in the administration decided was the last year that any good books were printed.

I will not miss the campus police. They lose sleep at night figuring out how to keep students from drinking beer on campus or parking in the wrong zone, while all the while car stereos are stolen every night right under their noses in the Rapides parking lot. Campus police should stop crime, not fun.

I will miss the people at the Registrar's office, who have, for the most part, been helpful and professional.

I will not miss the wonderful way that the university springs hidden fees on its students. Nothing better than spending my grocery money on lab fees or other worthy university causes.

I will not miss the way that no one at Northwestern seems to have the final say, or at least they claim not to. No one ever gives you a definite answer. That really warms my heart.

I will miss the fact that most of the faculty here side with the students.

I will not miss the two types of Natchitoches landlords: slumlords and those who have decent places and think they're Donald Trump.

I will miss not having to make a tough decision when shopping: it's either Wal-Mart or Wal-Mart.

I will not miss having to drive to Shreveport or Alexandria to buy anything other than food or toilet paper.

I will miss Antoon's. Good friend's, good atmosphere, and good prices. What else can you ask for?

I will not miss the confusion caused by 2,000 new freshman every fall semester.

I will miss the satisfaction I get every spring when it is obvious that all of the idiots in the freshman class flunked out.

Most of all, I will miss college. Sure it wasn't perfect, but neither is life. College is the only place you can be irresponsible and proud of it. Take it from me—it beats the "real world" in every category, so enjoy it while it lasts.

As always, I have more subjects to address than issues of the paper. Please bare with me as I promise to be brief (as always).

As another semester ends for me, I find myself more knowledgeable about the subject of diplomacy and the maturity required of someone in this position. Unfortunately, 'I had to step in it to find out how bad it stinks' (please pardon the expression). I could not let the semester end without purging an uneasy feeling I have carried.

I anticipated making many mistakes due to my lack of experience, but I did not expect any of them to weigh so heavily on my mind as one in particular.

Earlier this semester, I made several inconsiderate and unprofessional comments directed towards administrators because I felt they were trying to go over my head. Since I was so bold as to rant through this publication, I feel it is right that I apologize not for what I said but for how I said it.

I hope the message of that letter was not overlooked because of the context. Although my delivery was less than desirable, I still feel that a direct dialogue between students such as myself and administrators is the only answer. As a result of these feelings, some steps in that area have already been established.

With that said I will abruptly switch to one of my favorite subjects...

Courtney, thank you for all of your help this semester. Your experience has taught me a great deal about this newspaper. More importantly...I thank you for your support and encouragement since you have been at NSU.

I am extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You have worked so hard the past four years and deserve so much more than I can ever give you.

I could not have asked for a more beautiful bride last weekend. The wedding was absolutely perfect and you were even more beautiful than I imagined. I Love You.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Managing Editor reflects on change

Courtney Hornsby
Managing Editor

Courtney Hornsby -- that sounds so strange.

For those of you who know me, you know that up until a week and a half ago my last name was LaCour and has been for many, many years.

Now, all of a sudden, I have a new name and husband. For those of you who don't know, I married Shawn Hornsby, editor of *The Current Sauce* and SGA president-elect.

Many people think we met here at the newspaper, but the truth is we met a long time ago in high school.

Being married isn't as strange as I thought it would be. I guess the concept of being married is still brand new to me, but I sometimes forget I'm actually married. This is just another change in my life that I must grow accustomed to.

Having a new last name is just one of the changes in my life. On May 7, I'll graduate from Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

I had to be one of those rare breeds and actually graduate college in four years.

The time has flown by quickly; in fact, it has flown by a little too quickly.

As soon as spring break was over, I started to realize that I wasn't in such a hurry to graduate. I had been working so hard in school for the past few years that I'm just now started to relax and have a good time.

For many seniors, graduation is exciting and very scary at the same time. Now, we have to partake in that dreaded four-letter word "work."

I'm lucky because I don't have to look for a job. In May, I will become a full-time staff reporter for the *Town Talk* in Alexandria. However, working basically bites the big one. Like Andrew said in his column, college definitely beats the real world.

Change is an inevitable, yet frightening, part of life. I knew I would one day graduate, I just didn't think it would happen so fast.

So for those of you who are still lucky enough to be in college, enjoy it!

I usually don't write a column; I leave that to my husband who always seems to have something "interesting" to say to the administration.

I take that back-- I do have one complaint. Speaking of change, it is my hope the University will eventually change its admission policy to selective admissions rather than open admissions. Basically, that means Northwestern would take students who are really serious about their education, not just looking for a free, four-year ride through college.

As a soon-to-be NSU graduate, I want to be proud of my degree and the institution from which it was received. In other words, I want my degree to be more than just a piece of paper.

Northwestern has the potential to be known as a great school, not just the place with a pretty campus, easy classes and a wild Christmas party.

I couldn't write my farewell column without saying a big thank-you to some people who have made my four-year stay at Northwestern wonderful.

The entire staff at the Department of Journalism is absolutely the best. Dr. Ron "Boss" McBride, Jennifer and David Antilley -- I will miss you all so much. Thank you for all the unselfish help you give the students without ever asking for anything in return.

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Dr. Vicki Parrish and the Demon Dazzlers -- thank you for the many years of memories. It will be hard watching you dance at the football games, but I know the new line will be wonderful.

Finally, another thanks goes to my husband for giving me a job. Congratulations on your two new positions -- I'm proud of you and I love you very much.

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Letter to the Editor

Campus Police, My Heroes

This editorial is to complain about the wonderful administration and the brilliant police department here at the peaceful campus of Northwestern State University. When I first arrived on this campus way back in 1996, I was looking forward to a good education, building lifelong friendships, and just having fun. Unfortunately, I got my first dose of realistic college when I got my first honorary parking violation for parking in an unmarked space. I was mad of course, but I went and paid my first ticket like a professional and responsible college student. But the whole time I was thinking, "Was it my fault there are not enough parking spaces on this campus?" That was the only ticket I got that year because I lived on campus, but then I moved off campus and became an official fundraising commuter for this university. I began to get every ticket imaginable, everything from parking on the grass to parking in the wrong zone. You would think that as much money as this university makes on parking tickets that they could maybe afford to pave some grass. But I guess that would be common sense as well as actually doing something for the students! What was I thinking? Nevertheless, thanks to people who have nothing better to do than walk around, harass pizza delivery drivers, and put costly $25.00 pieces of papers on windshields, I have earned the privilege of paying this university $200.00 more than I originally thought. So here is my recommendation. If you get a ticket from the upright brigade, then go to the University police department, right next to the blue-pill infirmary, and fill out an appeal form. It will take ten minutes of your time and it is loads of fun. You can come up with some good excuses that I am sure the appeal board will love to read! I have used everything from alien abductions to mental illness. Even though my tickets were never appealed, at least I felt a little revenge. But all of this is just my opinion, so take it as you will. I would, however, like to wish the University police a nice day, happy ticketing, and go make that money!!!

Brian Coatney
Classification: Junior

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Apablaza set Chilean record at NSU

Rondray Hill Staff Reporter

In his last home track meet in the United States, high jumper Felipe Apablaza has something to take back to his home country of Chile: a new national high jump record.

Apablaza's jump of 7 feet 3 inches at the NSU Invitational track meet last Saturday got him an NCAA provisional invitation to the National meet. It also gave him the Chilean national record. Northwestern men took nine of the 18 events and the women took 7 of 16 events.

Apablaza had not cleared the 7 foot mark all season, but on his first attempt, he cleared the mark to secure the record and his invite to nationals.

The Demon men won the home event by more than 30 points, with Stephen F. Austin taking second place. The Lady Demons racked up 182 points, with the closest competitor, Ranger Junior College, 32 points behind.

Apablaza's record was not the only one set at the meet last weekend. Shot putter Tabitha Johnigan broke the meet and complex records she already owned in the event with a toss of 49-3 1/2, which also got her a provisional invitation to the national meet.

Christin Carter tied the school record which she also owned in the high jump with a winning jump of 5-8 3/4.

Kenta Bell, the nation's No. 3 long jumper, had no trounle winning his event. His jump of 25-4 was a foot under his best jump for this year. Latrell Frederick and Keny Labaron finished 1-2 in the javelin event. Frederick's throw of 190-10 1/2 was good enough for first place while Labaron came in second with a throw of 170-1.

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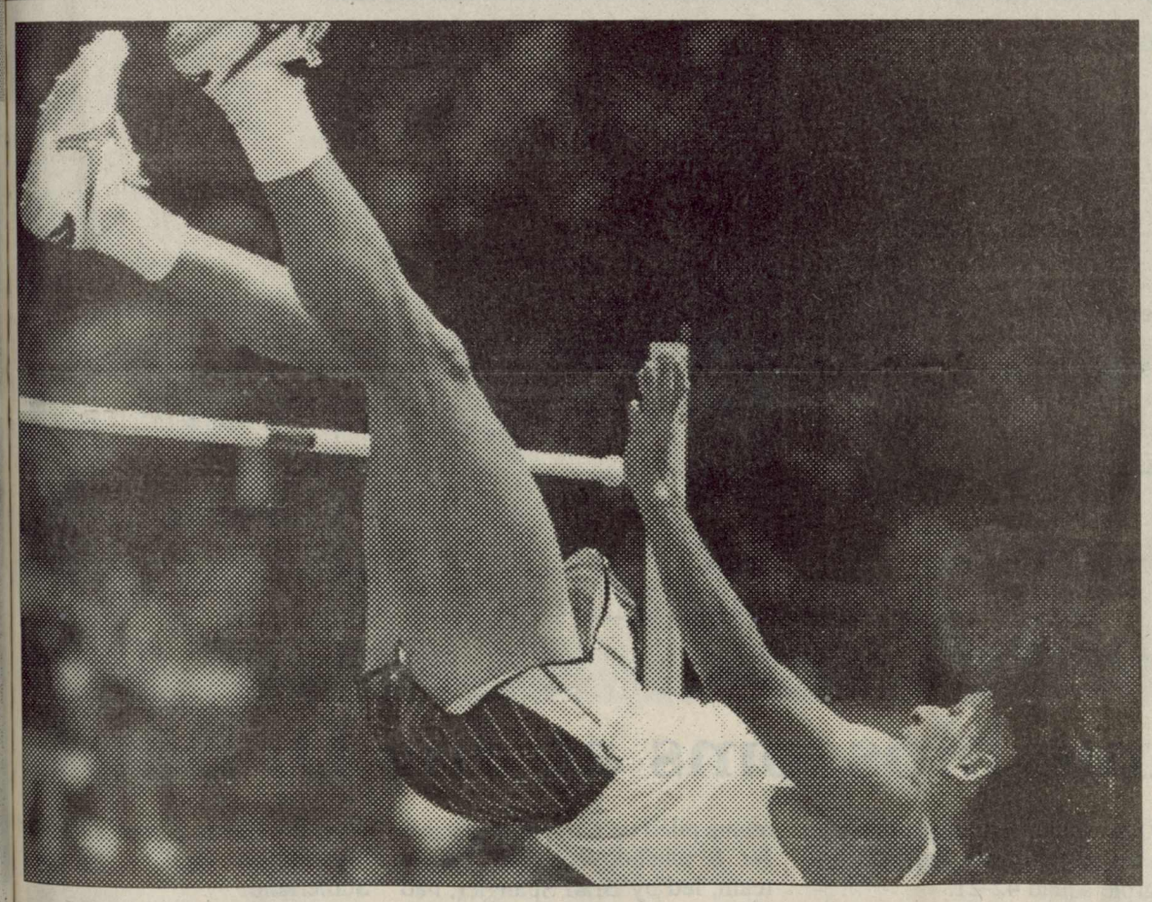
Senior high jumper Christin Carter tied her own school record, posting a leap of 5-8 3/4.



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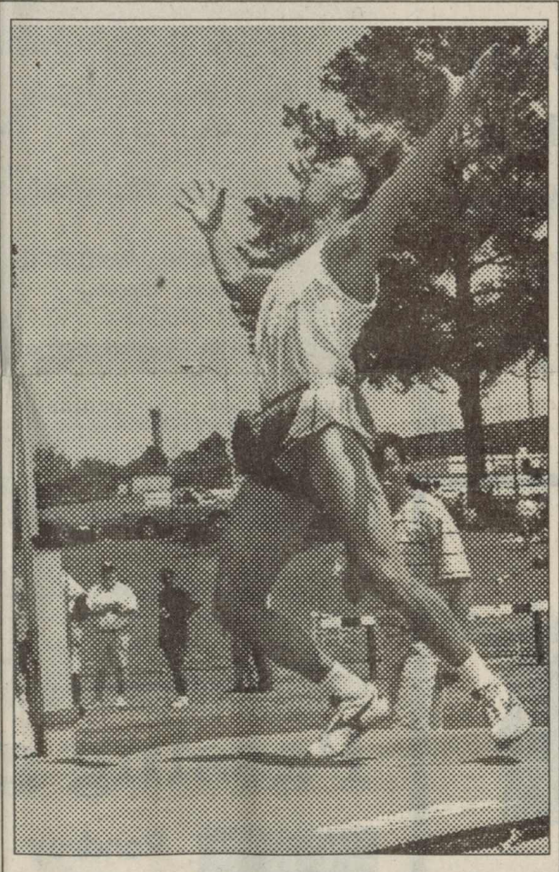

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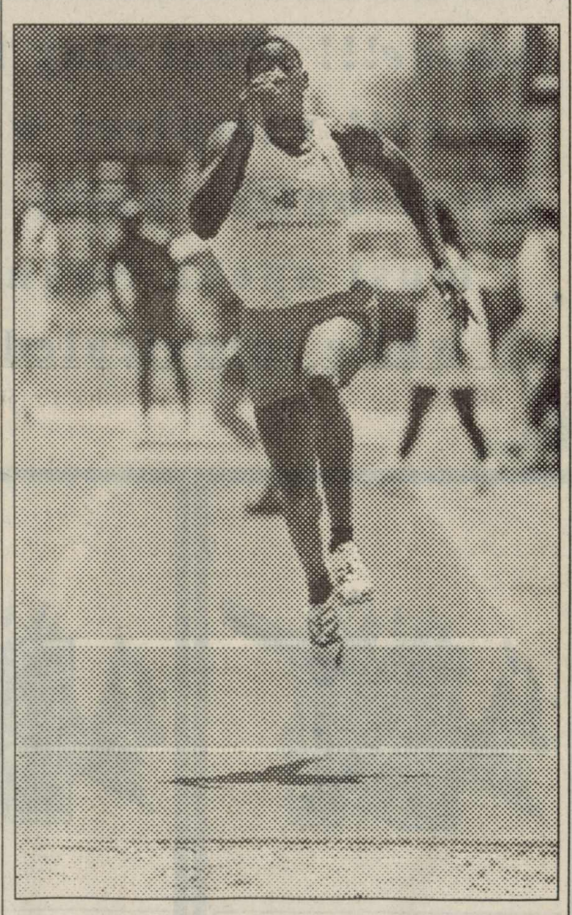
Apablaza jumps with excitement after setting the Chilean record for the high jump.



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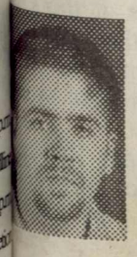
Long jumper Kenta Bell posted a jump of 25-4 to win his event.

Baseball half game back NLU after Lamar wins



Kris Collinsworth Sports Editor

It's called "small ball." That was what the Northwestern State Demons used to beat the Lamar Cardinals 4-2 and 7-3 Saturday, and clinch the sweep Sunday with a 3-2 victory.

No home runs were hit by either team last weekend.

"This ball park is not suited for a powerful tear," NSU head coach John Cohen said. "With high walls and the wind blowing into the park we decided to use the short game this weekend. We were able to execute in those situation and that was the difference in the series."

Northwestern State went into the weekend with only 11 sacrifices. NSU had seven sacrifice hits scoring five runs during this weekend.

In game one, Lamar held a 2-1 lead due to great pitching by starter Brian Sanches. Left fielder Brent Trosclair started the inning with a base hit through Sanches's legs. Right fielder Ronnie Quintana followed with a sacrifice bunt to move Trosclair to second base.

Catcher Chris Phillips then hammered a ground ball, which bounced off of second baseman Jimmy Smith's hands, allowing Phillips to reach base. After a sacrifice fly by Josh Hoffpauir which scored Trosclair, Anholt reached first on a single to left field.

Steven Bell continued with a single to right field, scoring Anholt from third.

Matt Stovall (2-2) went the distance allowing two runs on six hits in eight innings of work.

"I got ahead in the count on a lot of hitters," Stovall said. "All I wanted to do was get the ball in the strike zone and let the defense do the work. We played a great game."

In game two, designated hitter Demathdian Tate led the attack from the batter's box with a 3-4 performance with four RBIs.

Adam Stout (8-2) spread nine hits and three runs and one walk over seven innings.

"Stovall and stout combined only walked one batter in 15 innings," Cohen noted. "They did not strike out a lot of hitters, but they allowed the defense to make the plays and our defense responded with a great effort on a tough surface."

Game three flowed the same as lead-off hitter Tyler Dunlap lead the top of the third with a single to left field. Anholt followed with a sacrifice bunt to move Dunlap to second. Tom Batson drilled a single to left field, but Dunlap stopped which put runners on the corners. Tate then sailed a single to left field, scoring Dunlap and giving NSU a 1-0 lead. Tate ended the series with a 5-8 outing at the plate.

The Demons stretched the lead to 3-0 in the fifth, after scoring two more runs.

Demon ace David Balcer (7-5) allowed at least one runner to reach base in seven innings, but got serious and kept NSU in the lead when the Cardinals threatened.

"We may not have any draft picks on this team, but we have quality guys that work well together and make the average plays in every game," Cohen added. "This team has played 31 of its 49 games on the road this season. It's amazing they can go into different ballparks week in and week out and execute the way they do.

They just never quit working to get better. I am very proud of the effort given this weekend, and I hope our fans will give them the support they deserve when they come back home for these last couple of games."

The Demons return home tomorrow to take on Louisiana College in a doube header at 4:30. Friday, Northwestern State ends it regular home season with a three game series with Southeastern Lousiana. The opening pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.

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Demons focus on tournament after dissapointing week

Demon Softball plays host to the entire Southland conference in this weekend's tournament

Jay Lyles Staff Reporter

The Southland Conference Champion Demon softball team spent the week disrupting ninth ranked LSU pitchers and getting swept by UTSA in a three-game series.

Earlier this week the Demons met the Tigers in Baton Rouge to play a game that pitted both of Louisiana's representatives from last year's NCAA Tournament against one another. Unfortunately for the Demons, the Tigers prevailed in a doubleheader sweep.

LSU shut out NSU, 3-0, in the first game but only managed a 4-2 win in the second.

To start the day, the Demons were able to push through two hits in seven innings but neither resulted in a run for the Demons..

Cindy Leggett claimed the loss for NSU as she scattered nine hits over seven innings and allowed three of them to score.

The nightcap was a little better for Northwestern. The Demons were able to score two runs in the top of the fourth to break a streak of 32 scoreless innings that had belonged to the LSU pitching staff.

It was not enough to pull off the win, however, as the Tigers went on to score four runs to win the contest despite being out hit 9-5 by the Demons.

LSU was able to push through a couple of unearned runs that ultimately were the deciding factor in the game.

The loss went to Amber Welker who allowed only five hits in the game but was not able to stop them from generating four runs.

Coach Gay McNutt was ejected from the game at the end of the top of the fifth when Welker was caught stealing second base.

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The Southland Conference regular season champs will play Thursday at 9 a.m. against Southwest Texas.

Turning to SLC action, UTSA became the first SLC team in the past 24 SLC series and since early 1997 to sweep the Demons in a series.

In the first game, UTSA out hit the Demons 10-5. They were able to turn those hits into seven runs in the fourth inning to win the game.

The Demons were able to get three hits in the top of the fifth, but it wasn't enough.

Both Erin Mancuso and Linette Stuart went yard to bring NSU within four, but the offense did not show back up in the sixth or seventh inning to bring home the win.

The loss went Leggett's way. It was her first SLC loss in nine decisions.

In the second game, UTSA showed that it was ready to play "hard"ball not softball as they opened up the offense and beat the Demons 12-4.

NSU kept a 5-4 game through the first two innings but could not silence the UTSA bats as they provided seven runs in the bottom of the third to account for all the scoring of the day.

Welker recorded the loss to bring her regular season record to 8-7.

In the final game of the series, the Demons took the early lead 1-0 in the first inning, but that would be the last time they would lead as UTSA went on to use the third, fourth and fifth inning to score eight runs.

The only other scoring for NSU came in the top of the fifth as Welker singled to score April Cook.

Leggett got her second loss of the weekend as she allowed 11 hits in the game. Her record for the regular season is 17-12.

The Demons finished the regular season 29-24 overall and 19-7 in the SLC.

They are Southland Conference Champs, but they have some serious competition coming in the Southland Conference Tournament, which will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday on Demon Field.

Northwestern State begins the Southland Conference tournament action at home when they take on Southwest Texas Thrusday at 9: am.

Write for *The Current Sauce*!!! Must slay horde of evil vampires with a silver butter knife. Also must speak Spanish while intoxicated!!!

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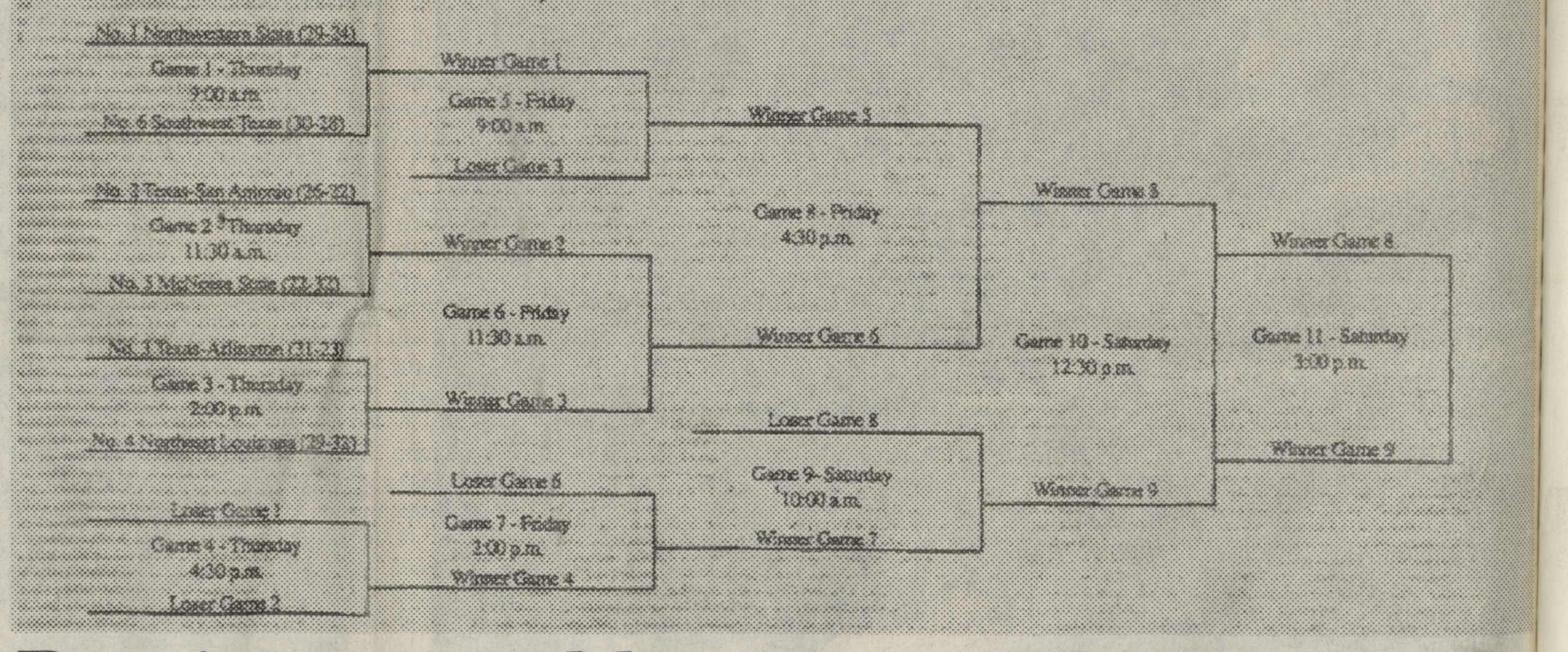

Passing game blossoms at Joe D. Bowl

Rondray Hill Staff Reporter

To get a complete grasp of the offensive explosion that was otherwise known as the Joe Delaney bowl, consider this fact: in last year's game, the two Demon squads racked up 55 points combined. Those two squads went on to smash school offensive records in the 1998-99 season.

Last Saturday, the Purple and White squads aired it out once again to score a Delaney bowl record 63 points as the White squad remained unbeaten in the past 5 bowls, defeating the Purple squad 42-21.

A crowd of almost 3,000 fans got their last chance to see the Demons in action before the tests of the regular season this fall. The 11th annual game, named in honor of Demon All-American Joe Delaney, who drowned in 1983, saw for the second straight year the most points ever scored in the game, surpassing the 34-21 mark set last year.

"I feel great about (the game)," said Coach Sam Goodwin. "I also feel great about what we've done this spring. We've made a lot of progress and solidified ourselves in almost every angle."

The two evenly divided teams piled up 683 passing yards for 6 touchdowns. The Purple team, led by Brad Spangler, had 348 passing yards while Bo Meek's White team threw for 335 yards.

Sophomore Nathan Black nabbed the honors for MVP of this year's game. Black caught four passes for 129 of his 165 all-purpose yards. Two of those catches were 26 and 24 yard touchdowns.

Demon Seniors Chris Pritchett and Eric Granger had very producive games also. Pritchett caught 6 catches for 106 yards while Granger caught 6 for 146 yards.

The second interception, caught by safety Mike Green, put the White squad in position to take the lead. On the very next play, Bo Meeks zipped a 91-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Sutherland.

The last score of the game belonged to redshirt freshman quarterback Travis Flemming. Flemming threw for 95 yards on 4 of 9 passing. He also scrambled in for a 24-yard bootleg touchdown late in the 4th quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Aubry Jones also added to the impressive numbers at the QB position, having the second-highest passing total for the game with 187 yards off of 11 for 23 accuracy.

Meeks, last years Delaney Bowl MVP, threw for 240 yards and connected for two touchdowns.

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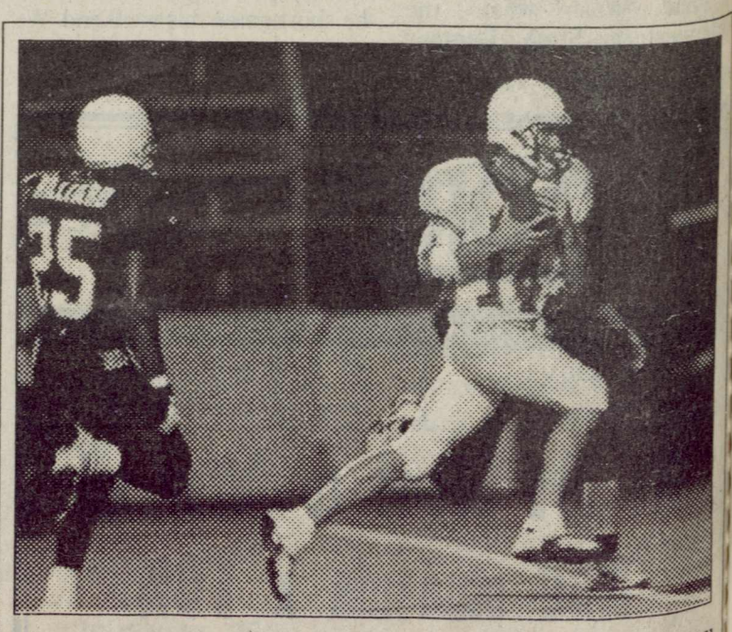
Tony Taylor lead the rushing attack for the White, dodging linebacker Damion Brown.



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Nathan Black caught 5 passes for 129 yards making the MVP of the 11th annual Joe Delaney Bowl.

Male Athlete of the Week

Felipe Apablaza
Men's Track

The senior high jumper's jump of 7 feet 3 inches at the NSU Invitational track meet last Saturday got him an NCAA provisional invitation to the National meet. It also gave him the Chilean national record.

Upcoming Home Contests
Baseball
Louisiana College
April 27@ 6:30 p.m.

Female Athlete of the Week

Christin Carter
Women's Track

The senior high jumper continued to dominate Christin tied the school record which she also owned in the high jump with a winning jump of 5-8 3/4.

Upcoming Home Contests
Softball
SLC Tourney
April 29@9 a.m.